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Iraq bombs 'an towns' reprisal for Kuwait

BAHDAH (AP). — Iraqi planes and surface-to-surface missiles yesterday pounded targets in five Iranian cities in retaliation for Monday's air-bomb blasts in Kuwait, for Iraq holds Iran responsible, it officially announced here. Military spokesman said Iraqi planes and missiles "successfully" hit targets in the Iranian towns of Andimeshk, Babakan, and Ramhormoz. "The spokesman said the attacks also in retaliation for Iranian attacks on Iraqi civilian targets in safe border towns. He blamed Iran on Tuesday for Iraq's bomb attacks in Kuwait. The U.S. and French embassy in Baghdad said that at least seven dead and about 80 injured. Iraq will select Iranian targets it them by military means in Baghdad's state radio said a ministry official as saying in the day. "The official Iranian news agency in its first report on the mistake, said these were carried following threats made by President Ronald Reagan at the Islamic Republic. "Iranian radio earlier quoted an unidentified Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman as stating that it had warned Iran to desist attacking American interests region. "Iranian President Ali Khamenei noted by IRNA yesterday as saying an Iranian involvement in the war. "Iranian news agency said that such actions to Iran foolish and idiotic lie spread imperialist and Zionist. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

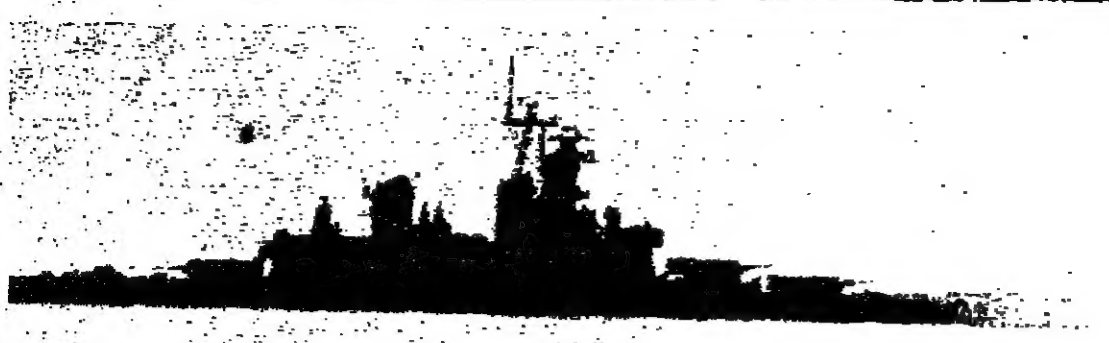
U.S. aid today

Post Economic Reporter said is to submit its formal request for \$2.6 billion in U.S. aid to Congress today. The package is of \$1.4b. in military aid and \$1.2b. in economic aid for the U.S. year 1985. The request states that Israel hopes to lower its standard of living by 10 per cent and to use its balance of payments surplus to fund its military. "Confirmed reports say that a decision of senior U.S. administration economists is due to arrive early next month on a pending request to review the economic situation and the steps taken by the Finance Ministry.

ad holds talks with di foreign minister

ASCUS (Reuters). — Syrian President Hafez Assad yesterday sent the situation in Lebanon Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Faisal, the Syrian news agency, Sana.

A meeting was Assad's first visiting official since he was ill last month. According to statements, he had an appointment on November 14. Assad delivered a message King Fahd on Lebanon and developments in the Arab world and took a reply from Assad, agency said, without giving details.



The 59,000-ton USS New Jersey, the only battleship in the world, cruises yesterday off Lebanon after firing 11 rounds from its 16-inch guns at Syrian-controlled territory. Two other U.S. ships fired 60 rounds. Yesterday's action was the first time since the Vietnam War that the New Jersey opened fire.

IDF said helping Christian evacuees

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Israeli force, including some 60 vehicles, was reported to have crossed Lebanon's Awali River yesterday to help evacuate some 1,400 Phalangite militiamen and up to 10,000 Christian civilians from the besieged town of Deir al-Kamar. According to agency reports from the town, which was placed under siege by Druze militiamen during the fierce fighting in the Shouf following Israel's withdrawal from the mountains earlier this year, the force crossed the Awali and moved towards Deir al-Kamar yesterday morning. The Israel Defence Forces spokesman last night refused to comment on the reports that Israeli troops had crossed the Awali, or that they would take part in the evacuation operation.

According to Christian sources in Lebanon, the evacuation was to have started last night, when 1,400 Phalangite militiamen were to have been evacuated from the town, to be followed by 10,000 civilians this morning. Reports from Beirut, however, indicated that the operation would begin only this morning. The Associated Press quoted an Israeli spokesman in Lebanon as confirming that about 100 Israeli trucks were expected to enter Deir al-Kamar early this morning to evacuate the fighters to the village of Jiye, some 32 kms south of Beirut on the coastal highway. From there, the Christian militiamen were expected to return to East Beirut by boat. The spokesman said Red Cross officials were expected to enter the town shortly after the fighters' departure to begin taking out Christian civilians who fled there from other Shouf towns during the three-week Druze-Christian fighting of last September. But a Christian source said some points still required further negotiations and it was not certain whether the civilians would leave at the same time as the fighters. He said the points still in negotiation centred around security guarantees and re-establishing commerce in the Christian town located. It was learned that the Phalangite was urging that some civilians remain and the town not be deserted. A Phalangite commander in Deir al-Kamar said "the IDF's operation today is positive, it is a humanitarian action viewed positively by Christians in Lebanon."

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Syria seen leaving political option open

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Syria is taking pains not to exacerbate relations with the U.S. because it is apparently leaving the political option for the solution of the Lebanese problem open, an informed military source said in Jerusalem yesterday. The source added that "the door is open for American officials in Damascus."

The source said that the Syrians would very much like to seize Yasser Arafat and place him under house arrest in order to neutralize him. However, the source believed that a number of foreign states will not ensure that Arafat get out of Tripoli and reached a safe haven. But getting all Arafat's men out constituted a different problem from merely helping Arafat to get out alone. "There are signs, he said, that the Soviet Union might put the Syrians in sole charge of the SAM-5 missile batteries sent to Syria. The Soviet Union has no desire to tangle with American or Israeli aircraft, the source said. However, the handover would be a long and complicated process. He said Soviet policy in the Middle East displays great caution and entails persuading Syria also to moderate its actions, with much success. The source said that the US Sixth Fleet and the Marines have complete liberty to pick their targets. Shi'ite terrorist activities are taking place on a scale that Israel never predicted or prepared for, and this new problem will require special measures.

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Arens: Punitive demolition being reviewed

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The policy of blowing up the homes of Arabs in the administered areas found guilty of terrorist acts is being re-examined, Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday. Replying to a motion for the agenda by Yair Tsaban (Alignment-Mafam), Arens said that in the few cases where he had authorized such punishment, he had done so with considerable hesitation. Israel has a serious problem in maintaining law and order in Judea and Samaria, Arens said. Disturbances of the peace are an everyday occurrence, "and we definitely have a problem finding punishments that have a deterrent effect and that enable us to enforce the law, also for the sake of the Arab inhabitants."

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Wounded PLO fighters to leave

TRIPOLI (AP). — An Italian ship scheduled to arrive within 24 hours will evacuate 97 critically wounded Palestinian, PLO loyalist officials said yesterday.

The terrorists, wounded in fighting between PLO factions loyal to Yasser Arafat and Syrian-backed rebels, have been waiting here for five days, and "cannot wait any more while negotiations drag on over the evacuation of all Palestinian fighters" from both sides, said Arafat's chief spokesman, Ahmed Abdul-Rahman. In Rome, an Italian news agency report said the ferry Appia would take the terrorists to Cyprus under the direction of the International Red Cross. The report said an airplane was also standing by at the military airport of Ciampino, outside Rome, to ferry a Red Cross group of seven doctors and 12 nurses to Cyprus to meet the wounded. Italian officials could not be reached for comment. Arafat told reporters yesterday that the major holdup in the planned evacuation of more than 4,000 terrorists concerned demands for security guarantees by the Greek government. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

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Ex-juntaists in Argentina to be tried for terror

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Argentina's new civilian president said Tuesday he will initiate charges of spreading "terror, pain and death throughout Argentine society" against leaders of the previous military regime. Raul Alfonsín, a 56-year-old lawyer and human-rights advocate who was sworn in Saturday, announced that he would begin the "corresponding legal steps" against nine generals and admirals who formed the three three-man juntas that ruled the nation from 1976-1982. The new president said he also would start legal proceedings against individuals who have "prima facie" responsibility for terrorist actions during the early and mid-1970s. The military overthrew President Isabel Peron in 1976. The junta turned power back to civilians through the October elections that swept Alfonsín's Radical Civic Union to power in a surprise victory over the Peronists, traditionally Argentina's strongest party. Alfonsín announced the measures in a 25-minute address on radio and television. Through powers granted the chief executive in the constitution, he issued two decrees declaring the necessity to prosecute seven leaders of guerrilla or terrorist organizations and nine generals and admirals. The military men will be judged by the supreme council of the armed forces, a tribunal comprised of nine retired generals and admirals. But Alfonsín said the verdict and sentence of the military tribunal will be subject to review by the supreme court under a law he will send to Congress.

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Reagan: May withdraw Marines if chaos reigns

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan yesterday for the first time spoke of withdrawing U.S. military forces from Lebanon should it become clear that prospects for stabilizing the situation in that war-torn country have completely collapsed. At a White House news conference, the president raised two possibilities for removing the Marines from Lebanon. "One of them would be if we achieve our goal," Reagan said. "The second would, of course, be if there were such a collapse of order that it was absolutely certain there was no solution to the problem, there would be no reason for them to stay there." Pressed on this latter point, Reagan said he did not want to speculate about "hypotheticals." But he added: "I'm simply saying that if there was such a complete collapse and there was no possibility of restoring order, there would be no purpose for the Multinational Force."

In marked contrast, only last Saturday the president said in a radio address that the Marines would be removed only after Lebanon's internal stability had been restored and the withdrawal of all foreign forces assured. There was no mention of any collapse of Lebanese President Amin Jemayel's regime. Thus, Reagan's comments yesterday immediately raised speculation among diplomatic observers here that the president was opening yet a new possibility for removing the Marines. Reagan answered questions in the White House briefing room after the USS New Jersey off the Lebanese coast opened fire on Syrian positions. The order for the New Jersey to fire came after U.S. F-14 Tomcat reconnaissance planes flying over Lebanon had once again been attacked by the Syrians. But Reagan yesterday also sought to ease concerns the U.S. was heading towards war with Syria or Iran. Both countries have been accused of being behind the latest suicide bombings against U.S. installations. Reagan said the U.S. does not intend to retaliate against either of those countries. He also sought to limit the U.S. response to the attacks against the F-14's. "We have taken a position and it is our policy that if this continues — we're not there to shoot first or enter into combat," he said regarding the F-14s. "But I am never going to send our men any place where they wouldn't be allowed to defend themselves. It's been our policy that if they are attacked, they will defend."

In response to another question, Reagan said: "Now, we've seen these instances of being attacked, and we have retaliated as nearly as we can against those who have actually done the attacking. And we want no conflict with Syria. Certainly, we are not there to enter into a war. We continue to try and come (Continued on Page 3)

U.S. warships rain 71 shells on Syrians

BEIRUT (AP). — The USS New Jersey, the world's only operational battleship, blasted targets deep in Syrian-held territory yesterday with the largest guns aloft. Two smaller warships joined in the naval bombardment. U.S. officials said the New Jersey, the destroyer USS Tarnish, and the guided-missile cruiser USS Ticonderoga rained 71 shells on anti-aircraft positions north and east of the Lebanese capital after Syrian batteries fired on U.S. Navy F-14s on reconnaissance flights. In Damascus, the Syrian defence minister confirmed that Syrian batteries fired at the U.S. overflights, which the Syrians branded "a new premeditated aggression against our forces in Lebanon."

Arab diplomatic sources in Damascus said King Fahd of Saudi Arabia had called on President Hafez Assad to refrain from attacking U.S. warships in efforts to cool the escalating tension between the U.S. and Syria. Yesterday marked the second straight day U.S. warships had fired on Syrian-held territory after anti-aircraft batteries there had shot at F-14's over the upper Mattan Mountains.

Yesterday was the first time the giant World War II battleship had fired its giant 16-inch (405 millimetre) guns since it moved to the Lebanese coast last September to protect U.S. Marines in the Multinational Peacekeeping Force. State-run Beirut Radio said the targets were near the towns of Tarshish and Jouar al-Haoua and in the Dahr al-Baida area along the Beirut-Damascus highway. Dahr al-Baida lies only eight kilometres west of the Bekaa Valley town of Chitara, headquarters of Syrian forces in Lebanon, and about (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Arens in Knesset: 'We seek others to police Lebanon'

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that the government is working energetically to set up alternative frameworks in Lebanon that will take over policing duties now being performed by the Israel Defence Forces. Replying in the Knesset to a motion for the agenda by Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui), Arens said that the best alternative would be through the Lebanese government in Beirut. But, he added, "I don't know whether that can be done." In any case, Arens said, Israel will leave southern Lebanon only when it feels confident that, upon leaving, terror will not return to these areas and harm the residents of Galilee. He said he was glad that people had stopped "shouting from the rooftops" that we must leave Lebanon "immediately." Even the Alignment's Yosef Sarid had changed his mind on this, Arens noted. Commenting on Rubinstein's call for negotiations with Jordan, Arens said: "We've been waiting for King Hussein for 35 years now. The door is open."

But from Hussein's interview with American newsmen David Brinkley last Sunday, it was clear that the king was not hurrying into negotiations with Israel. He was not ready to undertake such talks, and his hesitation had no connection with anything that Israel had or had not done, but stemmed from considerations of his own, Arens said. Arens practically wrote off the possibility of reaching agreement with President Hafez Assad of Syria. He said that Assad heads one of the four "crazy" regimes in the Middle East, the other three being those of Mu'ammarr Gaddafi in Libya, Saddam Hussein in Iraq, and the Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran. "From time to time, it is worth reminding ourselves with whom we are dealing in the Middle East," Arens said. Even the Americans are coming to understand that, the minister said. No longer were they advising Israel to "make concessions" or (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

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Pay-cut proposal deeply divides Labour

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Knesset factions seemed internally divided yesterday on the proposed 10 per cent cut in the salaries of judges, ministers and Knesset Members as the House Finance Committee started its deliberations on the issue. While most of the coalition seemed yesterday to favour the proposed cut, the Alignment was deeply divided on the question. The Alignment faction had apparently decided to vote against the proposal, arguing that it could be interpreted as meaning that wages, rather than the government's policies, were to blame for the economic situation. But four Alignment members of the committee — MKs Imri Ron, Yehuda Hashai, Arye Nehamkin and Naftali Feder — argued that the measure was a matter of conscience and decided to support the proposed cut. At the same time, most of those in favour of the cut were against extending it to judges, arguing that this would discourage able lawyers from accepting judicial appointments. The Likud whip on the committee, Yigal Cohen supported the proposed cut and said that last October, the salary of an MK was more than double the wage of a public-sector employee at the highest seniority grade. Committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz, who raised the proposal at the meeting, said the government's intention to cut real wages in the public sector makes it necessary to adopt the 10 per cent cut. But Lorincz also proposed to adjust the wages of ministers and MKs every three months. Under current arrangements, the salaries of judges, MKs and ministers are increased twice a year in accordance with the increase in the average wage in the economy. In addition, these salaries receive cost-of-living compensation quarterly. This, however, affects only a small part of them, since they are much higher than the ceiling for C-o-L payments. Thus, if adopted, Lorincz's proposal could avoid the erosion in the wages of senior office holders during the coming months since they would be adjusted in January, and not in April as now scheduled.

Shippers' council director Arye Mehoual told The Post that seaborne exports have been halted, as the exporters are refraining from sending goods to the ports. They have already missed the winter shopping season in Europe, and with 2,000 containers of cargo stuck in the 40 freighters and on the quays in the two ports, it was pointless to add to the congestion. He said that 500 containers of imports, mostly raw materials for industry, had been dumped in Piraeus harbour in Greece by freighters whose owners wanted to avoid the congestion here, and another 350 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

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Desperate shippers turn to Shamir on port strike

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Shippers' Council yesterday called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to receive a delegation of the "despairing" importers and exporters to discuss ways of putting an immediate end to the go-slow action by the stevedores in Ashdod and Haifa harbours. There were no negotiations yesterday to settle the strike, and the next meeting between the Ports Authority, the stevedores' committees and the Histadrut is scheduled for today. The Jerusalem Post learned that the Histadrut yesterday conferred with the Ashdod and Haifa labour councils to coordinate positions. Informed sources said that the key to the dispute is in the hands of the Histadrut, which is backing the workers' demand for a 27 per cent wage rise. Shippers' council director Arye Mehoual told The Post that seaborne exports have been halted, as the exporters are refraining from sending goods to the ports. They have already missed the winter shopping season in Europe, and with 2,000 containers of cargo stuck in the 40 freighters and on the quays in the two ports, it was pointless to add to the congestion. He said that 500 containers of imports, mostly raw materials for industry, had been dumped in Piraeus harbour in Greece by freighters whose owners wanted to avoid the congestion here, and another 350 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

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| BeerSheva | 60 | 8-19 | 21 |
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog and Mrs. Aura Herzog last night gave a dinner reception at the President's residence in Jerusalem in honour of Bohdan Lewandowski, of Warsaw, who served for 17 years as UN Undersecretary-General in New York. Among the guests were Minister without Portfolio Sarah Doron, Knesset Member Eliaz Granot, former MK Ariel Eliaz, Professor Galia Golan and Yosef Govrin, director of the Foreign Ministry's East European Department.

The German Ambassador and Mrs. Niels Hansen yesterday hosted a luncheon at their Herzliya home for Joachim Clemens and Engelbert Nelle, sports experts of the Bundesstag. Many local sports figures attended.

Rotarian Ephraim Lital will speak about advertising to the Rotary Club at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m. today.

In Memoriam

The first anniversary of the death of Haim Laskov, Israel's fifth chief of staff, was marked at a memorial assembly in Haifa yesterday attended by hundreds of persons and addressed by Communications Minister Mordechai Zippori, Mayor Aryeh Gurel, and the widow, author Shulamit Laskov.

Ben-Eliezer visits State Department

WASHINGTON. — The coordinator of activities in the administered territories, Tat-Aluf Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, met on Tuesday with senior State Department officials to discuss ways of improving the "quality of life" for the Palestinians there. The meeting was proposed by Defence Minister Arens during his recent talks in Washington. Secretary of State Shultz is reportedly anxious to find some practical steps to improve conditions for the Palestinians even in advance of any formal peace talks.

Traffic offence fines to go up 600%

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Traffic offence fines will go up by 600 per cent on January 1, following an order signed yesterday by Transport Minister Haim Corfu and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim. The last time fines were increased was March, 1982.

Following are some of the new penalties: failing to use a seat belt, IS2,700; operating an unlicensed vehicle, IS3,000; violating a "No Entry" sign, IS2,700; violating a "No Stopping" sign, IS1,500; failing to keep to the right, IS2,700; failing to signal or to cancel a signal, IS1,500; failing to post a red warning triangle after dark to keep other drivers away from a stalled vehicle, IS3,000; pedestrian's violation of a traffic sign, IS900; and operating a motorized two-wheeled vehicle without wearing a helmet, IS1,800.

Sports arena being built at Ma'aleh Efraim

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Construction of a 500-seat sports arena has begun at Ma'aleh Efraim in the Jordan Rift. The Housing and Construction Ministry, which is building the facility, is also sponsoring construction of 30 more residential housing units in the settlement, with 40 more units being planned for other Rift communities.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Knesset debates pension-tax bill

Post Knesset Reporter
Gainfully employed men under 60 and women under 55 who receive pensions from their previous place of work will lose the 35 per cent tax exemptions they now get on their pensions, under a bill presented for its first reading yesterday by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad.

He described the bill, an amendment to the Income Tax Ordinance, as one that plugs tax loopholes. It also deals with the employers' contributions to an advanced study fund (keren hishtalmut).

It provides that such contributions, within the limits laid down in a collective agreement, shall be regarded as the employees' income at the time they receive the money from the fund — which is to the employees' benefit. But contributions above the prescribed limit will be treated as income at the time they are paid into the fund.

The debate was begun, over the Alignment's objection, after a long

day of motions for the agenda. But Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov relented, after three speakers had spoken, and agreed to defer the continuation of the debate till next week.

Also to be debated next week is the education fee bill, which Cohen-Orad also presented for its first reading yesterday.

In reply to three motions for the agenda on the increases, actual and projected, in bank fees, Cohen-Orad said that a distinction must be made between fees for bank services obtainable elsewhere, and those for which the banks enjoy a monopoly. He agreed that there was room for intensifying state control over the latter.

The motions, which were presented by Haim Ramon (Alignment-Labour), Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui), and Yitzhak Seyger (Likud-Liberals) were referred to the Finance Committee.

Regular Army Pay
Defence Minister Moshe Arens

said yesterday that the pay of Regular Army officers has declined in the past few years in relation to other sectors, and that this must be taken into account when the government's policy of reducing real wages — with which he fully agreed — is implemented.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Michael Harish (Alignment-Labour), who said that the Israel Defence Forces are losing some of their best officers to the private sector. Talk about the government's intention of cutting IDF salaries and taxing the pensions of retired officers was harming morale.

Arens said that those circles that are "engaged in a crusade to cut the defence budget" often also manifest a certain contempt for Regular Army officers. This was both shortsighted and dangerous, Arens said. He did not give his opinion on the taxation of pensions of retired officers under 60.

15 per cent hike predicted in inflation for November

Post Economic Reporter
Government and private-sector officials yesterday expected the Central Bureau of Statistics to announce today a 15 per cent rate of inflation for November.

The Bureau's announcement is expected to spark the renewal of talks between the government, the private employers and the Histadrut on payment of an advance compensation to wage earners. October's 21.1 per cent rise in the Consumer Price Index.

Sources at the Finance Ministry said yesterday that the talks may be resumed this weekend.

While the parties agree that a payment of 17.9 per cent could be paid to workers at the end of

December, the employers and the Treasury demand that the Histadrut agree to a smaller degree of linkage of wages to prices in the cost-of-living allowance due to be paid on January salaries.

According to existing agreements, the linkage should be 90 per cent if the rate of inflation is more than 30 per cent, but the government and the employers want to lower this rate to 85 per cent.

Economic observers said yesterday that if the announced rise in the CPI is considerably more than 15 per cent, it could greatly strengthen the Histadrut's demands and put pressure on both the private employers and government to accept them.

Bnei Brak appoints 5 deputy mayors despite warning

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Bnei Brak municipality last night appointed four deputy mayors and one acting mayor — in defiance of an instruction from the Interior Ministry not to do so.

In a message to Mayor Moshe Orenstein, ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky pointed out that according to the Local Authorities Law, Bnei Brak is permitted only two deputy mayors and one acting mayor.

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Asked when the evacuation would begin, he said: "I don't know... All preparations for our departure are ready now, especially from our side and from the Lebanese side. We are awaiting the Greek ships and yesterday (Tuesday), I was informed that they are still waiting for guarantees."

The Greek government has asked for protection for the sea voyage from the foundation, Multinational Peacekeeping force in Lebanon, made up of U.S., French, Italian and British troops. The French have reportedly agreed.

The demand came in the wake of three shelling attacks by Israeli gunboats on Tripoli since last Friday.

Yesterday, Israeli warplanes circled over Tripoli for about 45 minutes, drawing heavy anti-aircraft fire. At least one plane was seen dropping heat balloons designed to divert anti-aircraft missiles.

Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad), Arafat's chief military aide, said in an interview with the Associated Press yesterday that Lebanese police officers yesterday inspected with Palestinian officers the front lines separating the loyalists from Syrian and rebel forces "to prepare for the deployment of the internal Lebanese security forces as a disengagement force as the evacuation gets under way."

He said 400 Lebanese security men will be deployed along the confrontation line.

Earlier, Arafat aides said shelling duels broke out between loyalist and rebel forces just after dawn, but stopped about an hour later.

State-run Beirut Radio said two Lebanese soldiers were wounded when a mortar round landed on a sentry post at the Officer's Club in the city.



Jerusalem Magistrates Court Judge Ezra Kamma (centre) is escorted by police officers through the Old City yesterday on their way to hold a hearing at the Birkat Avraham Yeshiva, which has been ordered to stop illegal construction. (Rahamim Israeli)

Birkat Avraham demolition deferred pending appeal

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem municipal officials waited all day yesterday for a chance to tear down illegal construction on top of the Birkat Avraham Yeshiva in the Moslem quarter of the Old City, but were told last night that they must wait until an appeal is heard in the district court on Sunday.

A day of legal wrangling preceded the decision by District Court Judge Eliahu Ben-Zimra who decided the appeal should be heard by a three-judge panel.

The municipality had issued an administrative order signed by Mayor Teddy Kollek to tear down an extra room built over a stairwell on the third floor of the yeshiva.

The yeshiva's patron, Abraham Dwek, is still being held in the police lock-up, because of his alleged refusal to comply both with a court order to stop building and the demolition order. His lawyers appealed the demolition order at the municipal court, where Judge Ezra Kamma decided he had to visit the site to give his decision.

Kamma ruled before dusk that city crews could go ahead with the wrecking, but the Birkat Avraham lawyers won another three hours of grace in which to appeal to the district court.

Other yeshiva students took to the streets, protesting against the demolition. They had a heavy guard of

border policemen, since police apparently anticipated trouble. Birkat Avraham students, who have a reputation for violence in the neighbourhood, came to the Western Wall area and answered most of the reporters' questions with religious quotations.

While the lawyers were busy fighting the demolition in court, there were other attempts to persuade the municipality to pull off its men.

The two Chief Rabbis were asked to intervene, but they declined. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu said the lobbying against the demolition should be handled by Deputy Mayor Rabbi Nissim Ze'ev. Rabbi Ze'ev asked Mayor Kollek to postpone the demolition, but Mayor Kollek did not agree.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg was also approached but reportedly refused even to consider getting involved in the matter.

The yeshiva students barricaded themselves behind the locked iron door to their compound and refused to let anybody enter, except for Judge Kamma and his entourage. The students and their lawyers said that their Arab neighbours constantly build without permits. But Judge Kamma pointed out in his ruling that the vast majority of demolition orders he has issued go to Arab and not Jewish sites.

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25 kilometres west of the Syrian border.

The New Jersey's guns can hurl an 862 kilogram shell up to 37 kilometres.

Yesterday's naval bombardment took place shortly before the arrival in Damascus of special U.S. Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld, who flew to the Syrian capital from Amman, Jordan, was to meet with Syrian officials on ways to defuse the mounting crisis between Syria and the U.S. and break the impasse over the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and

Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

The naval gunfire came during a day of renewed clashes in Beirut's southern neighbourhoods between the Lebanese Army and anti-government militiamen from the Druse Progressive Socialist Party and the Shi'ite Moslem Amal militia.

Police told to give top priority to grenade case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has told the police to give the case of the booby-trapped grenades on Mt. Zion and at Huzan, as well as the case of the arson of six Arab-owned cars in Abu Tor "the highest priority."

In a meeting with senior officers, Zamir promised yesterday that if the perpetrators are caught — as a result of what he called "non-routine" efforts by the police — the state attorney's office would seek "the heaviest punishments" for the culprits.

Ministry denies U.S. asked passage for PLO

A Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday that news reports to the effect that U.S. Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger had asked Defence Minister Moshe Arens to permit PLO to leave Tripoli were incorrect.

No such request was made, spokesman said. Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday that Israel had determined to fight the terrorism all means.

Labour party leader Shimon Peres, returning from a visit to U.S. yesterday, said that it should not hinder Yasser Arafat's departure from Tripoli.

The defence minister's media adviser, Nahman Yehonatan, said yesterday that Arens had rebuffed Monday's truck bomb attacks in Kuwait by the PLO, clarified that Arens, in an interview with ABC on Monday, had not compared terror acts with acts, by saying that giving free duct to the PLO from Tripoli would be like letting the perpetrators of the attacks in Kuwait leave with UN flag.

POLICING

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promising that our quitting that area would ensure peace for the Arabs.

Asked by Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui) whether Israel under circumstances would sign a belligerency or a peace agreement with Assad, Arens replied: "When Syria is ready to negotiate with us on a peace agreement, I advise our negotiators to come to what extent that regime will be behind the obligations it undertakes — to consider the nature of regime."

Mordechai Gur (Alignment-Labour): "On the fourth day of war, the prime minister said in Knesset that Assad is a leader whom we can sign a treaty. We have an agreement with Syria on Golan that has stood up for years. For 10 years the Golan has been quiet."

Arens: "If it's quiet, it's because Assad believes that most honour one's undertakings for other reasons that are known to you."

Gur: "Yes, because the government of Israel had a policy."

The motion was referred to Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

IRAQ

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propaganda networks," Kham was quoted as saying. Iran confirmed the attacks, said that six towns had been hit, including Ahwaz.

The combined casualty toll for the missile attacks and air raids: 21 dead and 222 wounded, 18 reported.

The agency, monitored Nicosia, gave the following breakdown: Andimeshk: six dead and 100 wounded; Balibahan: 1 dead, 14 wounded; Ramhorm: nine dead, 48 wounded; Dezful: 11 dead, and Nahavand 10 wounded.

There were no immediate casualty reports from Ahwaz. IRNA said rescue squads were working feverishly after sunset to dig out people trapped in the rubble of collapsed houses and shops.

The attacked cities are all located in Iran's southern oil-rich Khuzestan province whose capital Ahwaz is 100km. east of the border. Andimeshk and Dezful are about 80km. east of the border. Ramhorm is 90km. east of Bahbahan and Nahavand 215km. and 200km. respectively east of the border.

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Please refrain from condolence visits

The Family

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Dr. ARTUR LOEWENTHAL

at the Southern Cemetery, Holon — Bet-Yam boundary, on Sunday, December 18, at 3.30 p.m. We will meet at the new gate.

We wish to thank all in Israel and abroad who shared in our great sorrow.

The Family

מסדה אל

Herzliya mayor destroys gardens

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In an operation carried out with military precision starting at 6 a.m. yesterday, bulldozers of the Herzliya Municipality smashed into the front gardens of houses and tore down 20-year-old trees in order to widen Rehov Yehonatan in Herzliya Pituah. The bulldozing was by personal order of the town's new mayor, Eli Landau, who visited the site shortly after the operation began.

Homeowners were able to obtain an injunction from the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court stopping the work for 48 hours, but by the time it was presented at 2 p.m., it was too late for many of the properties. Rehov Yehonatan is used daily by many children on their way to and from school, the local community centre and Scout headquarters.

Arie Glass, an El Al flight engineer who was at home observing the Shiva mourning for his late father, and Ben Hiron, 85, said the bulldozers drove into their gardens without any notice being given them. They have lived in Herzliya Pituah for 22 and 14 years respectively. The bulldozers uprooted olive



A bulldozer clears foliage in Herzliya Pituah.

and fruit trees, tamarisks, and a collection of rare cacti grown by Hiron as a hobby in one of the most carefully tended gardens in the area. His car was towed away, gates and hedges were torn out and the electricity was cut. Convoys of trucks removed the foliage and earth and brought sand for road building. The families and neighbours stood by helplessly. Glass called the police, but they did not arrive.

"We lived here before there was any road," Mrs. Glass said. "Then, the Herzliya municipality told us to plant the lawns, flowers and trees that they are now destroying." Earlier this month, Mrs. Rina Knoll, of the Society for a Beautiful Israel, appealed to the Jewish National Fund to have the tamarisks protected.

Mesulam Granott, the city engineer, and Asher Spitzer, the municipal road engineer, took charge of the clearing work and an efficiency never before seen in Herzliya.

"What was a four-metre strip of asphalt will now become 12 metre wide road," Granott said. He said the municipality tried unsuccessfully to negotiate with the families affected, "as their gardens spread out to government land."

Mayor Landau said: "I gave the order to carry out today's work at Rehov Yehonatan and to finish the job fast, or we would be discussing the matter for the next 10 years. I will not shirk from taking painful decisions. Parents have been complaining, and I saw myself how children had to dodge between cars

on their way to school. "I am more concerned about the life of one child than the gardens of the privileged. I will destroy all non-legal buildings in Herzliya, so long as I am mayor of this town," Landau told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Lawyer David Kosovsky, who represented the homeowners in negotiations with the municipality declared the action "totally illegal." It was trespassing, he contended, saying that only court order can permit the municipality to take such action.

"We understand that the street had to be improved for the sake of children and their parents and were ready to compromise with the municipality. I would never have believed that such bulldozer methods would be used in this country," Glass said.

MKs slam chief rabbi's remarks on Arab death

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Two Labour Knesset Members yesterday sharply criticized Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordchai Eliahu for saying that the shooting of an 11-year-old Arab girl in Nablus a few days ago was not murder but self-defence justified according to the Halacha (Jewish law).

A statement from Eliahu's office explained that the chief rabbi's comments were made in reply to the question: "What does the Halacha rule in the case of a man who shoots in self-defence and happens to kill a person whom he did not intend to kill?"

MK Uzi Baram, who swung the decisive bloc in the Chief Rabbinate electoral college to Eliahu's side thus ensuring his election, wrote to Eliahu telling him that his declaration about the fatal shooting, made in a statement to an audience at the yeshiva in Shilo, had gone too far.

Baram warned Eliahu that his statement could encourage extremists to kill again, because he gave the impression that killing Arabs is no crime.

"Everyone who helped get you elected as chief rabbi is disillusioned and frustrated," Baram wrote Eliahu.

Baram reminded the chief rabbi that when they met during the chief rabbinate election campaign, he had spoken to Eliahu of the rabbi's ultra-nationalist affiliations as a young man. Eliahu had promised

that he would adopt a moderate stance to prevent relations between Jews and Arabs from deteriorating. (Eliahu was detained 24 years ago for membership in an anti-state underground made up of religious zealots.)

Yosef Sarid, Baram's Labour Knesset colleague, wrote that justifying the murder of Arab children, the chief rabbi automatically justified the murder of Jewish children. Sarid wrote to Eliahu: "Woe to the Jewish morality that you represent and woe to the chief rabbinate that you head."

"Your statement has disqualified you from serving in your high office," Sarid wrote.

Baram has also demanded that his faction reprimand Shoshana Arbeli Almosino, chairman of the Interior Committee, for advocating Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount. Baram said that she was "strengthening the hands of irresponsible extremists like Haim Druckman (Matzad) and Hanan Porat (Tehiya)."

The Interior Committee yesterday discussed the bid in March by young Jewish extremists to tunnel into the Temple Mount area. Dov Ben-Meir (Labour) said the government was probably not pushing the security services hard enough to solve crimes such as the booby-trap attacks on West Bank Arab mayors and the killing of Emil Grunzweig outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem during a demonstration.

Sabbath bus decision held dangerous

Post Knesset Correspondent

Alignment-Labour Knesset Member Rajanan Nam said yesterday that many youngsters in Haifa and Gahlee will have to hitch-hike on Saturdays if the Transport Ministry goes ahead with its intention of stopping Sabbath bus transport in the Haifa area. He warned that this will expose the youngsters to danger.

Nam, who was demanded a debate on the issue, said that Transport Minister Haim Coria will have to bear a heavy responsibility for this coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael.

Soldiers on weekend leave will suffer especially from this surrender to "a marginal element in Israeli society," Nam said.

The Hivladim Youth Movement of Western Galilee yesterday condemned the plan. A movement spokesman called it a "one-sided step" and an example of religious coercion.

The movement sent a telegram to Coria demanding that the "miserable decision" be revoked.

In Nahariya, the municipality is weighing the possibility of setting up a private transport system that will operate on Shabbat and other Jewish holy days.

AMBASSADORS. — Kenya and Tanzania, normalizing ties after a six-year chill, agreed yesterday to immediately establish ambassadorial-level diplomatic relations.

Itzan: Don't blame Arabs for Katz killing

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AIFA. — Police Inspector-General Arye Itzan yesterday criticized people blaming the murder of Danny Katz on "certain groups of our public."

In an obvious reference to un-answered statements accusing hostile Arab elements in the killing, Itzan said, "To point an accusing finger at certain groups of our public who might be involved in this heinous crime is very irresponsible."

Katz's mutilated body was found in a Galilee pine forest on Sunday. Itzan urged the public to remain calm, saying that hysteria will only hamper the murder investigation. Children, especially, need to be on their guard, but the "terrible tragedy" should not be blown out of proportion, he said.

Speaking during a visit to Haifa police headquarters, Itzan said

that the police have a good record of solving serious crimes.

At the moment, police do not have any information linking Katz's murder with that of Dafna Carmon or with any other murders or cases of missing persons, he said. (Carmon, 22, was found dead in the Mount Carmel area in July, 1982.)

The investigating team is checking through police files of all suspected and convicted sex offenders, Itzan said.

Detectives have interviewed several youngsters who were the victims of attempted sex assaults by drivers who gave them lifts. These youngsters include a 14-year-old boy and 12-year-old girls from the

Danya neighbourhood where Katz lived.

The Danya Residents Association is to meet tonight to discuss security arrangements in the area and the alleged lack of public transport facilities which they say forces their children to hitchhike.

In the Knesset yesterday, Arab Labour Knesset Member Hamad Halala, who lives in Sakbain in Lower Galilee, said that the name of the entire Israeli Arab community was being unfairly blackened over the Katz murder.

He expressed his condolences to the bereaved family and his hopes that the murderers would soon be caught and brought to trial.

J'lem city engineer must stop work in private office

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem municipal engineer Amnon Niv will not be permitted to hold his job if he continues in his private practice as architect and town planner, the Interior Ministry informed Mayor Teddy Kolek yesterday.

The ministry cited criticisms raised by the State Comptroller about possible conflict of interest.

Stressing that the ban on Niv's dual occupations "is definitely not based on personal considerations but entirely on the moral aspects," ministry director-general Haim Kubersky told Kolek that if Niv wishes to continue his work for the municipality he will have to devote all his working time to being municipal engineer. However, he may hold on to his interest in his private office.

In addition, Kubersky wrote, Niv may lecture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem or abroad, if he wishes. "But as for working as an architect or planner, we must

regretfully say no — even outside Jerusalem, since there can easily be a conflict of interest between a project anywhere in the country and his position as city engineer of Jerusalem."

A source at the ministry explained that a conflict-of-interest situation could arise if Niv, as Jerusalem municipal engineer, had to deal with a government agency, such as the Housing and Construction Ministry, in connection with a project anywhere in the country being executed by his firm.

Michael Eilan adds: Niv had originally agreed to give up his private practice and work full-time in his Jerusalem office. He asked for Interior Ministry approval to continue supervising three projects, including drawing up master plans for Eilat and for Ariel in Samaria. The Interior Ministry's decision means, in effect, that Niv will no longer be able to work on these projects, which at one time he said he must keep.

Most dayanim candidates did not pass bagrut exams

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Two thirds of the rabbis who take the exams for appointment as dayanim (religious court judges) have not passed their bagrut (matriculation) examination, the director of rabbinical courts at the Religious Affairs Ministry, Rabbi Simha Meron, said yesterday.

Meron spoke at a meeting of a sub-committee of the Knesset State Control Committee that supervises inspection of secular and religious courts. He and Rabbi Moshe Solomon, ministry director-general, agreed that dayanim who lack basic knowledge in laws, jurisprudence and administrative procedure should take special courses. Meron said he was studying the proposal that a dayan sit on the bench for a trial period before receiving a permanent appointment.

Tamar Eshel (Alignment-Labour) said that when rabbinical courts sit, as they often do, with one or two dayanim on the bench instead of the required three, they leave the door open for appeals against their judgments as legally invalid. She quoted Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak as warning that the judgments of a rabbinical court that sit without its full complement are in doubt.

The missing dayanim may be appointed after next week's meeting of the statutory dayanim appointments committee, which has to fill 22 posts on the religious-court benches. Solomon told the sub-committee.

Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-Citizens Rights Movement) said that dayanim whose awareness of social realities is tenuous should not be allowed to hold the fate of people in their hands.

Israel joins Mediterranean pollution body

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel recently joined the Mediterranean Sea Anti-Pollution Treaty Organization, the last country in the region to do so.

With the Interior Ministry's Environmental Protection Service as its agent, the government has ratified the treaty, thus adding Israel's name to the organization's "Barcelona Convention."

The treaty organization's official protocol lays down a series of stiff rules barring or limiting the dumping of chemicals, sewage and scrap metal junk into the Mediterranean.

In accordance with the Knesset's recently enacted Ocean Pollution Prevention Law, anybody in Israel violating the protocol is liable to a year's imprisonment or a fine of IS2 million.

Among the substances that may not be thrown into the Mediterranean from the Israeli shore — or from ships or aircraft in its territorial waters or air space — beginning January 1 are the following:

- Mercury and cadmium, or their compounds.
- Non-degradable plastics or other synthetic matter that could disturb fish breeding or navigation.
- Crude oil and other carbons originating from sub-surface oil sources.
- Radioactive substances.
- Strong acid compounds.
- All substances or materials — in any form — connected with the manufacture of chemical or biological warfare materials.

Haifa English Theatre

The Haifa English theatre opens its second season tonight with a performance of *You Can't Take It With You* by George Kaufman and Moss Hart at the Haifa Museum Auditorium.

The show, directed by Harvey Brown, features Ralph Buchinder, Valerie Herbert and Laurie Rubin, Set by Richard Asero.

Other performances are scheduled for Saturday, next Tuesday and next Thursday at 8.30 p.m., with a matinee next Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Herzog urges youth to 'live' Zionism

President Chaim Herzog yesterday urged 1,000 Israeli teenagers at the Sixth Zionist Congress for youth to implement Zionism in their daily lives. "The fact that you've gathered in this hall proves that there still is Zionism in this country," said Herzog.

Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin told the delegates in Jerusalem's Binyanei Huma that in another 30 years, the Jewish population of this country will have doubled to seven million.

A call for volunteers to teach Hebrew to new olim was sounded. Education and Culture Ministry rector-General Eliezer Shmueli, who was filling in for Minister Yehonatan Hammer, the minister is supervising from a heart attack.

The delegates spent the day discussing aliyah and absorption, volunteerism and the connection between Israel and the Diaspora.

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Tel Aviv comptroller blasts city's practices in report

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Severe irregularities and operational flaws in various municipal departments are revealed in the report for 1982-83 by Tel Aviv Municipal Comptroller Shmuel Rubinek.

Rubinek notes that many of the recommendations in his previous report were ignored and recommends that stiff disciplinary measures be taken against those responsible for this situation. The flaws and irregularities that were not corrected were found in the engineering administration, veterinary services, education and sports, and youth departments and in the assignment of private vehicles and fuel to city workers.

The current report blasts the lack of registration of equipment transferred from schools which closed down to other schools. The schools that closed did not transfer remaining funds to the city and failed to provide financial reports as required.

Municipality storerooms in which valuable sports and education equipment was kept were not super-

vised, and there were no lists of the stored equipment.

Despite Rubinek's complaint in his last report, the delay — sometimes of many months — in the presentation of the municipality's claims to the National Insurance Institute for workers called to reserve duty continued.

Rubinek says no written regulations concerning workers' eligibility for a car, the amount of fuel each worker may receive exist in the municipality. He notes that this flaw leads to many irregularities. Mistakes in financial calculations of debts in the Debt Collection Department, as well as in the city's financial transactions with banks were revealed in the report. Delay in collecting debts incurred huge losses to the city.

Bnei Brak council told: Don't appoint 5 deputies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Bnei Brak municipality has been instructed by the Interior Ministry not to go ahead with its plans to name five deputy mayors to Mayor Moshe Orenstein. The proposed appointment of the five appeared on the agenda of the city council meeting scheduled for last night.

In a special message to Orenstein, ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky pointed out that according to the Local Authorities Law, Bnei Brak is permitted only two deputy mayors in addition to one acting mayor — a total of three posts.

The ceiling applies regardless of whether the deputy mayors are on the payroll or serve as shchel-a-year functionaries.

Girl, 6, rescued from man molesting her

TEL AVIV. — A six-year-old girl was saved from possible rape yesterday by an alert Holon resident, who ran to help her when he saw a man push her into a building entrance.

Shlomo Strogano, who was on vacation, was helping his wife at her store in Holon's Rehov Hahistadrut yesterday morning. At about noon his wife told him that a suspicious-looking stranger was wandering along the street.

Strogano began following the stranger and saw him approach a little girl from behind. The man put his hands on the girl's neck and pushed her into the entrance of an apartment building.

Strogano ran towards the place and found the man pulling off the girl's trousers. The girl was weeping. The man tried to run away, but Strogano caught him and dragged him to a nearby police station.

Police said the suspect, 24, is known to them and was suspected in the past of sexual assault. Police are investigating whether he was involved in any of the sexual crimes reported in the Holon and Bat Yam areas.

District Commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman commended Strogano and his wife on their alertness and said the police would give them an award.

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communicate and negotiate with them to let them know that if they'll stop shooting at us, there won't be any problems between us."

When asked whether the Iranian government of the Ayatollah Khomeini was responsible for the terrorist incidents, Reagan said that the "best evidence that we have — you couldn't go into court and say that Khomeini ordered this. But what we do know is that a group that has been taking credit for these attacks and has claimed that they are responsible for many of them, is a group that seems to be of some size, that is definitely with an Iranian connection. Now, whether that is with the government or that they just are Iranians and they seem to be — well, they voice things that would indicate that they're in a kind of a holy war. They are a sect in the Islamic world."

In connection with the situation in Lebanon, Reagan insisted that the U.S. was making "more progress than appears on the surface."

He restated America's longstanding objectives, including the withdrawal of foreign forces and "the reconstitution of the government of Lebanon and helping them, as we have, to train and raise a force in which they can assume control over their own territory."

The Lebanese still want the Multinational Force to remain, "to be able to do some maintaining of order as they would then have to move out toward their borders once the foreign forces have gone. Now, this is still the goal, it is still the thing we are trying to do."

He spoke of progress at the Geneva talks last month, insisting that the opposing Lebanese factions "recognized the Jemayel government, and agreed upon that government."

Man jailed for taking drivers' tests for others

HAIFA (Iim). — A man who conspired with officials in the Transport Ministry's licensing department to take driving-licence tests for others was yesterday sentenced by the district court here to six months in prison and a fine of IS50,000.

The man, Fouad Ben Salim Hibi, 24, was convicted of taking tests for 15 people after presenting himself at various testing stations carrying their identity cards.

The ministry officials with whom he conspired are also to be tried.

Walesa harassed by police as Solidarity sets protests

WARSAW (Reuters). — Nobel Peace Prize laureate Lech Walesa has been harassed and summoned by police over the last 24 hours in advance of demonstrations called across Poland by the banned Solidarity trade union that he leads, aides said yesterday.

Walesa was confined to bed with flu and unable to answer a summons for questioning by the Internal Security Services in the Baltic port of Gdansk where he lives.

His religious adviser, Father Henryk Jankowski, said the union leader fell ill Tuesday after being constantly stopped at roadblocks in sub-zero temperatures and briefly detained by police during a drive to Gdansk from the southern city of Czestochowa.

Underground spokesmen for the union have called for peaceful demonstrations in towns all over Poland on Friday to mark the 13th anniversary of the killing of dozens

of workers by police in food riots in Gdansk in 1970.

Walesa has not officially endorsed the appeal, but said he would lay a wreath and deliver a speech at a monument to the dead workers built by Solidarity outside the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk.

The authorities determined that his Nobel award will not change his status as an ordinary citizen, said last week that he will be prevented from speaking, as he was at the

same anniversary last year.

Walesa indicated at the weekend that he might not try to force the issue by making the speech in person, but would make sure that it is available to reporters. "The contents are more important than the way they are delivered," he said.

Walesa's wife, Danuta, said he had been given six days sick leave from his job as an electrician at the Lenin Shipyard and would in any case still be ill in bed on Friday.

3,765 centenarians counted in China

PEKING (Reuters). — China has 3,765 centenarians among its one billion population, of whom the oldest is a man aged 130, the National Census Office said yesterday.

It said 36 Chinese are aged between 120 and 130, and named the oldest of them as Kurban Yasheng, a member of a Turkic minority in the vast Xinjiang region of Central Asia.

The report said that most of the centenarians ate a diet consisting mainly of cereals, fruit and vegetables, led regular lives, were cheerful and even-tempered, and were respected by their families and society, it said.

The figures are based on a national census held in June, 1982, the biggest in history. Analysis of the data is expected to take several years.

8 die in truck ambush by Philippine Muslims

MANILA (AP). — Gunmen believed to be Muslim separatist rebels ambushed an army truck on Mindanao Island, killing six soldiers and two civilians, including a two-year-old boy, the Philippine News Agency reported yesterday.

PNA said four other occupants of the truck — two soldiers and two civilians — were wounded in the attack on Tuesday night in Ramain Municipality of Lanao del Sur Province, 800 kilometres southeast of Manila. One of those wounded was the father of the boy who was killed, the report said.

Suicide honours leader, N. Korean agents told

SEOUL (Reuters). — North Korea is training its agents to kill themselves if their subversive missions into South Korea fail, two northerners captured off the South Korean coast said yesterday.

Chun Chung Nam, 26, and Li Sang Kyu, 22, both identified as members of an intelligence department of Pyongyang's ruling Workers' Party, told reporters here they had been taught that such a sacrifice would honour North Korean President Kim Il Sung.

American executed for murdering guard

ANGOLA, Louisiana (Reuters). — A 31-year-old man was executed in Louisiana State Penitentiary early yesterday for murdering a supermarket guard during a 1979 robbery, a prison spokeswoman said.

The man, Robert Williams, was the 10th person sent to the electric chair in the U.S. since the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976.

Brandt, 69, marries 37-year-old companion

BONN (Reuters). — Former Federal German Chancellor Willy Brandt, who leads the opposition Social Democratic Party, has married his 37-year-old companion, Brigitte Seebacher, it was disclosed yesterday.

It was the third marriage for Brandt, who will be 70 next week. His first two marriages ended in divorce.

U.S. mission to UN gets new protection

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — Workmen have installed concrete blocks in front of the two entrances of the U.S. mission to the UN as an anti-terrorist precaution.

The blocks, about six metres wide, about one metre high and weighing about 6,350 kilograms are intended to prevent explosives-laden vehicles from being driven into the mission, opposite the UN headquarters.

Jane's: Soviet plane can airlift 'N' missiles

LONDON (Reuters). — The Soviet Union has developed a giant military transport plane that can airlift SS-20 nuclear missiles, Jane's All the World's Aircraft 1983-84 said yesterday.

The prototype four-engine Antonov-400 plane, code-named Condor by NATO, is the largest aircraft flying in the world today, according to Jane's.

The book said the Antonov-400 can carry tanks or 200 fully equipped troops and can just as easily airlift SS-20 medium-range missiles and their mobile launch vehicles quickly to eastern Europe or even to an island like Grenada.

The Soviet Union has SS-20 medium-range missiles based in Asia apart from those targeted on western Europe.

Jane's said the new plane, likely to go into service in the mid- or late 1980s, has a 74 metre wing span, a range of 4,600 kilometres and is 5 per cent bigger than the U.S. C-5.

However, it is not the biggest plane ever to fly. American billionaire Howard Hughes built a wooden flying boat called the "Spruce Goose" with a wing span of 98 metres that made one brief flight in 1947.

The condor is one of a new generation of Soviet military aircraft detailed in the 74th edition of Jane's.

Another is the "black jack" intercontinental strategic bomber, described as much bigger and faster than the new B-1 bomber that will equip the U.S. Air Force later this decade.

There are also new fighters and strike planes like the MiG-31 Foxhound, which Jane's says represents a major advance over the MiG-25 Foxbat now in service, and the MiG-29 Fulcrum, likely to have a dual fighter and ground attack role.

Jane's said three new fighters a day are rolling off Soviet assembly lines, far surpassing NATO production.

It also said the Soviet Union will soon have fighter-helicopters — "small and nimble single or two seaters designed to clear the sky of low and slow NATO aircraft of all types in the path of a Warsaw Pact offensive."

Jane's said aircraft-makers are looking at the possibilities of flying a plane by light fibre optics instead of wire controls.

'S. Korean crew unaware of Soviet jets'

MONTREAL (Reuters). — International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) investigators said yesterday a South Korean airliner crew did not realize Soviet fighters were trying to intercept their plane before it was shot down last September.

"In the absence of any indication that the flight crew... was aware of the two interception attempts, it was concluded that they were not," said a summary of the investigators' report.

The report, submitted to the ICAO council, rejected the Soviet Union's contention that the plane was on a spy mission. The Boeing 747 was shot down over the Soviet

far east with the loss of all 269 people on board.

An ICAO spokesman said investigators attributed the airliner's departure from its proper course either to an incorrect heading entered into its navigation system or to insertion of erroneous coordinates when the plane left Anchorage, Alaska, on its way to Japan.

The ICAO's 33-member council is scheduled to meet in late January to consider adoption of the investigators' report.

After yesterday's council meeting, U.S. federal aviation administration commissioner J. Lynn Helms said the investigators found

that voice tapes from Japanese air-traffic controllers showed the South Korean pilot was unaware that he was being intercepted.

"The Soviet Union did not follow adequate procedures in identifying the aircraft," Helms said. He added that the report also established that Moscow did not fully cooperate with the investigation.

The ICAO investigation took a team of five experts to Japan, South Korea and the U.S., while ICAO Secretary-General Yves Lambert visited Moscow during the course of the investigation.

The Soviet Union has conducted its own inquiry but has not released any details of it.

'Dissident' Soviet announcer reinstated at Radio Moscow

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A Radio Moscow announcer who praised Afghans for fighting against "Soviet invaders," has been reinstated at the station, a spokesman said yesterday.

He told Reuters that Vladimir Danchev, who was dismissed and sent to a psychiatric clinic after his "dissident" broadcasts last May, has been given a new post at the English-language Radio Moscow World Service.

In a series of news bulletins in a two-week period on the world service, Danchev switched around the normal Soviet jargon for the Afghan conflict and branded Russian troops as aggressors.

In one broadcast he said the

Afghan population was "playing an increasing role in defending the country's territory against Soviet occupants." In another he praised tribes in two provinces for their "struggle against the Soviet invaders."

The broadcasts marked the first time a state radio announcer had been known to deviate from the carefully scripted news broadcasts, which invariably present Soviet activities at home and abroad in a favourable light.

The Radio Moscow spokesman did not say what post Danchev now occupies but informed sources said he is restricted to editorial work and not permitted near a microphone.

Pope may meet his would-be assassin

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope John Paul II will meet with his would-be assassin in December 27 when the pontiff pays a Christmas visit to a Rome prison, the Italian news agency Ansa reported yesterday.

Quoting unidentified Vatican sources, the report said Vatican and Italian officials were working on the final details of the papal trip to Rebibbia Prison in Rome's eastern outskirts where Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca is serving a life sentence for shooting the pope in an assassination attempt in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The Vatican spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report. "I cannot confirm what has not been decided officially," he said. Last week when the report of a papal meeting with Agca first surfaced, the spokesman said he did not know of any such encounter being planned.

Mauritania supports North African union

ALGIER (AP). — Efforts to establish a union of North African states yesterday received a boost, when Mauritania agreed to adhere to a good-neighbour treaty signed nine months ago by Algeria and Tunisia.

The agreement came during a visit of Mauritanian President Ould Haidallah, who received a warm welcome from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid when he arrived Monday night.

Turkish president okays civilian cabinet

ANKARA (Reuters). — President Kenan Evren yesterday ratified prime minister-designate Turgut Ozal's list of ministers for Turkey's first civilian cabinet since the 1980 military coup, officials said.

Ozal, leader of the conservative Motherland Party, presented his cabinet list on Monday to Evren, who unexpectedly delayed ratification until yesterday morning to study the list carefully.

Even, who asked Ozal last week to form a government, said Ozal's list was approved without changes.



A U.S. Army sergeant yesterday carries a Christmas tree made of camouflage netting along the perimeter of the Marine compound in Beirut. (UPI telephoto)

Reagan second-term decision to be announced on Jan. 29

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Reagan, will announce whether he will seek re-election in a speech from the White House on January 29, spokesman Larry Speakes said yesterday.

Although presidential advisers insist Reagan has not promised outright that he will seek a second four-year term in 1984, Speakes said, "I would be willing to put big money" on bets that the president will declare his candidacy.

"He will make a speech in the Oval Office on January 29, at which time he will announce a decision," Speakes said.

Reagan authorised an official re-election committee last October, a step that made him a candidate in the eyes of the law even though he

insisted he was reserving his decision.

Republican Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada, who heads the re-election group, said that if Reagan announced he was not running "it would be the greatest national political shock of all time, at least to the Republican party."

Reagan, the oldest serving president, will be 73 on February 6. His doctor says he is fit, and White House officials say he is well able to handle an arduous campaign.

He will make his speech four days after delivering to Congress his annual State of the Union message, which will outline his legislative goals for 1984 and could serve as a manifesto for his first personal re-election appeal to the public.

Kissinger: U.S. should shun wars involving 'local forces'

MEXICO CITY (AP). — Former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger said Tuesday the U.S. should not get involved in regional conflicts that involve "local forces with local means."

Kissinger made the comment at a news conference after talks with Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid during a one-day visit here with his bi-partisan commission on Central America. He said his talks with De la Madrid were "lucid and comprehensive."

Kissinger, heading a fact-finding mission by the commission here, said the U.S. should not oppose uprisings in the area that are brought on by internal problems and are led by local groups.

"Upheavals caused by indigenous conditions and conducted by local forces with local means should not

be a concern of the United States," Kissinger said. He did not elaborate on which central American country, if any, he considers involved in purely local disputes.

The Reagan administration blames strife in the region on Soviet- and Cuban-backed insurgency. It blames Nicaragua's Sandinista government for supporting and sending weapons to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador. But it also supports Nicaraguan rebels fighting the Sandinistas.

Kissinger said there was concern about "elements of outside intervention."

"If we can reduce the Central American problem to Central American dimensions, and it can be worked out by the people concerned in their own way, there will be peace in the area," he said.

Police shut London Bridge in false alarm over car-bomb

LONDON (AP). — Police closed London Bridge in a false alarm over a suspected car-bomb yesterday amid concern over an expected Christmas terror blitz by the Irish Republican Army.

On Tuesday, police detonated a 4.5 kilogram bomb on Kensington High Street after hundreds of shoppers were evacuated. Police said that Irish terrorists also may have been using dummy bomb packages to create confusion.

A spokeswoman for Scotland Yard said two canvas car-alls found in the fashionable shopping street and also detonated for fear they contained bombs were similar to the one that contained the bomb. A third suspect parcel also turned out to be harmless.

London police commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman appealed to Lon-

doners to "please be our eyes and ears" in an anti-bombing campaign. "Be curious," he said in a statement. "Is something unusual happening? Has something unusual stopped happening? A strange car? An object curiously out of place? People acting strangely? Lodgers coming and going at odd hours?"

Newman said the police will also be doing their part with "extra men, extra dogs, longer hours, extra patrols — hard work but worth it."

Yesterday morning commuters driving into London from south of the Thames river were delayed when police blocked the bridge entrances to investigate a vehicle parked on the span.

"It was one of dozens of false alarms this morning," the police spokeswoman said.

Bolivian unions say strike is success

LA PAZ (Reuters). — Bolivia's powerful Communist-led trade unions have hailed as a victory a 48-hour general strike which has virtually paralyzed the country.

The stoppage, the second in three weeks, was called by the Workers' Central (COB) to press major wage demands. The COB said the strike was observed "with discipline" throughout the country during its first 24 hours on Tuesday.

COB leader Juan Lechin Tuesday night blamed the left-wing government of President Hernan Siles Zuazo for deterioration of the social climate and accused it of being insensitive.

Unions want the government to raise the minimum monthly wage from \$62 to \$240 to offset sharp increases ordered last month in a tough austerity package that included a 60 per cent devaluation.

Sports

All set for a great game

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter: TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team are all set and ready for tonight's European Cup game the Yad Eliyahu Sports Pa against a solid but inexperienced Limoges of France.

The home team hope to 1 point guard Motti Aroesti back action, although he is recuperating from a bad bout of flu. The decision as to who he will play at all, or how much will play, will only be made tonight. It is probable that reserve Kadmon will have a busy night. Despite the Aroesti problem, Maccabi are full of confidence.

Limoges will not try to against Maccabi. Limoges c Pierre Dao told me. Instead team will try to stick to set pa offence. They very seldom a zone defence, and are not a employ a press.

Veteran Limoges centre Gc Brostherous told me that Macc guards will be in for a long eve trying to stop his team-mate Murphy, who Brostherous says "the best shooting guard Europe."

The Limoges team, with their main heights, is as follows: (4) Didier Rone, 1.98; (5) Michel Sengul, 1.84; (6) Jean Oe 1.98; (7) Richard Danoury, 1.95; (8) Murphy, 1.95; (10) Apollo Faye, 2.00; (11) Douglas, 2.08; (13) George Bunt 2.06; (14) or (15) French Baby, 2.09.

The game starts at 8.30 p.m. will be telecast live.

Dissatisfied India

Post Sports Staff

An Indian crowd of 70,000 wild with rage as the national cricket team were ignominiously thrashed by the West Indies on fourth day of the fifth cricket in Calcutta yesterday. The cricket when India were dismissed for 90 in their second innings lose by an innings and 46 runs. 1 tomatoes and stones were hurled at the players, and also at "Man o match" West Indian skipper Lloyd, who played one of greatest innings of his distinguished career, when he scored 161 not out and stopped a West Indian run they batted.

Another victim of the vegetable range the wife of Saeed Grewal, one of greatest batsmen of all time. Police charged the crowd with drum beating. The players' bus was stoned and a huge, un-crowded gathered outside their hotel.

It is ironic that only five months ago Indian team were given an ecstatic welcome after their triumph in the 1982 Prudential World Cup limited over comp in England.

The third cricket Test in Adelaide Australia and Pakistan ended in a draw, since it lasted on to February 11. Australia, 159 behind on the first day, 228 for 5. But captain Kim Hughes roll team with a few innings of 198 that took to 310 for 7, and the game was declared 30 minutes early.

That's incredible

The Detroit Pistons beat Denver Nuggets 186-184 in a 11-minute overtime, 3-hour, 11-minute marathon on Tuesday night the several National Basketball Association records, including most points scored by two team a single game.

"Not only have I never remotely been in any game like but I've never seen or heard anything like this," Pistons' Chuck Daly said. "This will certainly go down as a game I won't forget."

In other games, it was Portland 182, 189; New Jersey 133, Golden State 122; 129, Phoenix 110; Chicago 96, Milwaukee 107; Cleveland 98; Atlanta Washington 97; and Boston 113, New York 100.

The previous two-team scoring record was San Antonio and Milwaukee 171-mother triple-overtime contest on Jan 1982. The previous scoring record for one was 173 scored on February 11, 1959, 1 Boston Celtics in a regulation game.

The 93 assists logged by Detroit and I broke the previous record by four and 1 field goals were six more than in any other in history. (AP)

Basking Fin

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — After leaving home in Finland on Tuesday temperature of 20 degrees tigrade, Moscow Olympics 10-metre silver medalist Kari Mäkinen yesterday started his climatization training here for week's seventh Sea of Galilee national Marathon with the curly no less than 40 degrees in Israel's Indian summer. Mäkinen is relishing the change.

Twenty-nine year-old Mäkinen's previous marathon outing was back in when he covered the 42.195-km distance hours, 19 minutes, 27 seconds. The 11 athletic star said yesterday that he was concentrating on the marathon as well as the 100m. In the hope of being able to compete in these events at next summer's Los Angeles Olympics.

Mäkinen is the first of the 10 top invited top overseas runners to arrive here for annual Galilee run next Wednesday, the 1 American mile association's representative Andre Aris Shatzky, Aris Ockla, Zemanian and Avi Shani told the press yesterday. The meet is sponsored by Maccabi and Leumi, together with Tel Aviv's Hahava B Avia. Le Coq Sportif and the Thelias H Hags.

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Bridging the gap

Michelle Mazel spent more than three years in Egypt, where her husband served as a member of the Israeli diplomatic corps. In a series for the 'Today' page, starting here, Mazel provides an inside look at everyday Egyptian life-style. Drawing by Eliahu Eilon.



WE WERE told by well-meaning friends, "Don't do it. Do you know that it means to be an Israeli in Cairo? Nobody will speak to you. And what about your children? And you thought about them?" And the children — lived in Cairo for more than three years, made it back to Israel safe and sound, and enjoyed ourselves, on the one hand.

During the first three months we were too busy to worry. There was a long-established embassy to give us advice. And there were no Jewish women, WIZO or other Jewish organizations to help a hand.

We were strictly on our own. Not us the safe world of the tourist in its cosy little group complete with English-speaking guide, going from the tourist-class hotel to another with continental breakfast and dinner thrown in. We had to find everything the hard way.

Like the day the pipe burst in the bathroom. We had been in our flat for barely a week. My husband was at work; the kids were at the pool. Now what to do?

Did I hear someone say, open a phone book and look for a plumber (the classified section)? Good idea, but there isn't a phone book in Cairo. Never mind, I was prepared for emergencies and I did have the addresses of several plumbers.

Thus we got into a classical Cairo situation. There are three possibilities: my phone doesn't work, my phone doesn't work, he speaks Arabic. In the end, out of sheer desperation, I called my husband at the embassy. Leaving urgent affairs state unattended he went to fetch the plumber. By the time he got home, the bathroom was awash with water. I was mad. He was mad. And the plumber was demanding an extortionate price for the job.

The same situation occurred six months later.

I took one look at the water gracefully spouting from the pipe, gave a pound (Egyptian) to the maid and told her to fetch a plumber. Then I picked up a nice mystery novel and waited. Adjusting. That's what living in Egypt is all about. And learning Arabic, of course.

I had been told "you will get along fine. After all, the Egyptians speak English or French and you know both." Well, it may be true for people connected with the tourist trade, but it is not true for 99 per cent of the people. I met at the market place. Neither the butcher, the greengrocer, the plumber, the electrician nor my maid speak English. Anyone intending to live in Cairo should learn Arabic.

NOW I HAVE mentioned two of the greatest problems I had to face communicating with the man in the street and discovering where to find what. I have said nothing yet about the problem of being an Israeli in Cairo. Why? Because it wasn't a problem. I was at various times greeted with surprise, astonishment, even incredulity, but with hostility, never.

I remember one episode in particular. I'd been in Cairo for two months when one morning I got a phone call from an American woman I'd met at the grocery store a few days before. We had discussed our mutual interest in bridge among

other things. Anyway she was playing duplicate bridge that morning and someone's partner was sick. Would I care to fill in? I said sure, why not!

So there I was, playing bridge at the house of a woman I did not know. Since duplicate bridge is serious business we played on for two hours and then broke off for tea.

I looked around. The others were mainly Egyptian, young and middle-aged, perfectly made up, with elaborate hair-dos and masses of glittering jewelry. There were a few European women too. Incidentally we were playing in English, with occasional lapses into French. Though French is fast losing ground in Egypt today, many educated women still know it, probably because they went to convent school.

My acquaintance from the grocery store was at the other end of the room. Next to me two elegantly dressed ladies were busy discussing in English their children, grandchildren and sundry in-laws.

It transpired that one of the ladies was from Damascus. She was visiting her daughter, married to an Egyptian doctor. Well, I'd never seen a lady from Damascus before. I must have stared because she suddenly turned to me and asked smilingly where I was from.

Here we go, I said to myself. End of a great bridge game. "Israel," I replied.

That gave her pause. Not for long. "I mean what country, not what religion?"

I explained that I was both Jewish and Israeli.

At that point several other ladies were listening. The Syrian lady wasn't satisfied.

"On what passport are you in Egypt, then?" she asked. "Israeli," I answered.

SHE LOOKED at me unbelievably and then said "Isn't that dangerous?"

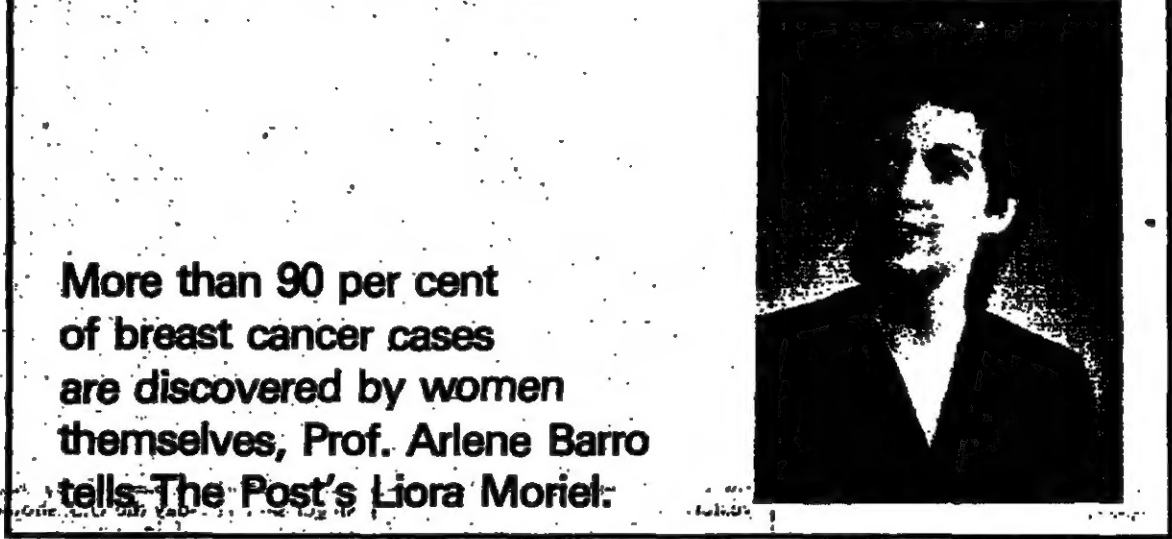
Now that was in August 1980, almost two years after Camp David, 18 months after the peace treaty and six months after the grand opening of the Israeli Embassy in Cairo. I told the Syrian lady about it. She was amazed. So were some of the Egyptian ladies. They started asking questions, and eventually the hostess had to call us back to business.

At no point had I sensed hostility. This was to happen many times during the three years I spent in Egypt. People would be puzzled, sometimes briefly ill at ease, but the awkward moment would pass and then, more often than not, they would start asking questions. What the average Egyptian doesn't know about Israel would fill several volumes.

Some of these questions were not easy to answer. Like the amiable fat lady at a (private) party. "But tell me, this Palestine everybody is talking about, where is it exactly?" (I am ashamed to say I mumbled something indistinct and edged away).

Those three years in Egypt opened a new world to me. I got to know our next-door neighbours the Egyptians a little better. It wasn't always easy, but believe me, it was never dull!

Taking control



More than 90 per cent of breast cancer cases are discovered by women themselves, Prof. Arlene Barro tells The Post's Liora Moriel.

breast as early as possible so that breast self-examination becomes part of your life-style — like brushing your teeth — and that you learn what your breasts feel like and can detect deviations immediately. Physicians, being human, sometimes make mistakes and may miss the cancer. It is important to teach physicians to diagnose more accurately.

In other words, if you feel a strange lump in your breast and the physician does not think that this is a sign of cancer — check it again. And again. You only stand to win. What is the most important thing one can do, in general, to prevent cancer?

Research shows, says Barro, that the elimination of tobacco is the

greatest single measure known which could reduce the number of deaths attributable to cancer. The impact is significant: The reduction of the incidence of lung cancer — which by middle age is more than 10 times greater in regular cigarette smokers than in lifelong non-smokers — and a reduction in the incidence of cancer of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, bladder, probably the pancreas and perhaps the kidney.

The role of vitamins in preventing cancer is becoming increasingly important. "The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is now sponsoring a number of projects to determine the relationship between vitamins and the inhibition of cancer formation. Moreover, it is of interest that vitamins have been used in the U.S. in smoking cessation programmes, because they have a calming effect. Given that Israel is a 'stressed' society, people may need specific vitamins that have been shown to reduce body stress, such as some of the B vitamins."

Once any form of cancer is detected, it must be dealt with speedily, according to Barro. "Cancer attacks different sites in different ways, and the etiology is not necessarily the same for each type of cancer. So, the cancer must be thought of as many types of cancer, each related to a specific organ. In other words, cancer is a site-specific disease — it manifests itself differently in different sites."

One thing is common to all types of cancer: early detection usually means better chances for survival. Although the extent of the spread of the cancer depends, in part, on the specific site involved, nevertheless, "The idea is to detect cancer early and to prevent it from spreading."

Barro's own parents both died of cancer. "My mother died of cancer when I was seven; my father died six years ago, also of cancer," she says. "That's why I am personally committed."

As vice-dean at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Barro headed the Office of Educational Evaluation at the School of Medicine. She subsequently spent four years at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) where she was in charge of a \$40 million education programme.

One of the fruits of her efforts at the NCI is that 12 institutions training medical students and professionals in the field of health have developed, field-tested and evaluated courses in disease prevention, focusing on cancer. She has also contributed articles to major medical journals.

Pre-retirement preparation

Leah Abramowitz investigates programmes for people who are soon to become pensioners.

of her ailing husband exclusively. She enjoys the social aspect of working in the hospital and simply can't imagine leaving," Meijer explains. By denying the fact that pre-retirement programmes might help her, Miriam is trying to run away from reality.

There are, however, many older employees willing and eager to prepare for retirement. Several types of programmes have evolved in the 12 years since the Histadrut of Haifa — with a grant from the University of Haifa — organized the first lectures on pre-retirement for workers in five factories.

Some employers offer weekly informative lectures on health, legal rights, financial counselling and the use of leisure time. Other programmes focus on the psychological aspects of retirement and combine formal talks with group discussions among no more than 15 participants. These sessions are conducted by a trained leader who stimulates group members' self-expression and active participation.

Whereas spouses are sometimes welcome at lectures, they are excluded during the more intimate group discussions so that no one will be inhibited from expressing his or her innermost fears.

"Doubts about their self-value as a pensioner are expressed at these sessions," says Yehudit King. "Unrealistic fears about old age are also raised like, 'Will I become senile?' or 'How can I avoid becoming a burden on my children?'"

Hearing others express these thoughts helps group members open up and come to terms with their common situation. King believes that people with similar backgrounds and equal status should be grouped together. "The director of a department would not feel comfortable speaking freely if

We suggest individual interviews where the employee is encouraged to talk about his expectations, problems and family situation with a welfare worker who will know which kind of programme is required for his firm, and how best to attract participation.

"I got a lot out of our pre-retirement programme," says Baruch K., who worked in a municipal water department for 30 years. "I found out how to invest my pension fund, how much part-time employment I'm allowed without losing my Bituah Leumi payments, and how to stay healthy. It was important also to see I wasn't the only one who felt nervous." Baruch met a number of other men during the programme who formed a kind of social club after it was over. They joined an exercise class together and continue to meet at each other's houses.

Meijer of Hadassah feels that pensioners who worked in the hospital and who do not participate in such programmes can still benefit from counselling at the hospital's club for retired workers. The club conducts weekly cultural activities at Hadassah, and many of the pensioners also volunteer in the wards, maintaining contact with each other and their place of employment.

King says she doesn't believe that such contact — or the need for association with one's former place of work — continues for an extended time after retirement. In her opinion, pensioners should join the existing senior citizen clubs available in each community. She is concerned that workers in small firms which cannot afford pre-retirement classes will lose out, and says "alternative sources for initiating programmes of this sort must be found." King sees community centres as potential sponsors. The enterprising social workers in a neighbourhood of older Yemenite immigrants in Ramat Gan organized a successful pre-retirement programme which later developed into a local club.

The University of Tel Aviv offered a course in pre-retirement preparation last year for a full semester, and Everyman's University is making plans for a correspondence course on the subject.

Local experts in the field agree that existing programmes should be properly evaluated and that follow-up sessions after retirement would be effective.

Saving money and minutes



THESE inflationary times, there's nothing like getting something for free. Here are some things you can do to save money, or time — or both:

That tub of cream cheese or cottage cheese that has gone slightly sour can be mixed with an egg or two for scrambled eggs or used in an omelette instead of milk. Do the same with yogurt that has been forgotten in the fridge. The eggs come out soft and creamy.

A leading hairdresser in the U.S. commends watering down bottled shampoo. The shampoo we use is too strong, too thick and too concentrated. Pour half the bottle of shampoo into another bottle and fill with water; shake and use. It will still be concentrated, but you have twice as much. You can also add water to your liquid dishwashing detergent. Dilute it as with shampoo.

The next time you buy one of those seasoned and spiced cream cheeses (salatina), buy a container of nine per cent white cheese, too. Mix both the plain and spiced cheeses together, put them back to their own container and freeze. If you're indecisive, before using the second cheese container

in the freezer, you can prepare a loaf of bread for midmorning sandwiches with this cheese, freezing them in individual sandwich bags, and wrapped in a second plastic bag. Prepare about two weeks' worth and save time.

• Socks, knee-high stockings, kippot, tzitzit, cloth belts, scarves, stockings, tights, and anything else that may get tangled or lost in the washing machine can be put into one of those plastic net bags that you buy citrus fruit in. Just tie or knot the end and throw it into the machine.

• If you have a remote control handpiece for your television, you know that you have to take good care of it. A television repairman advises wrapping it up in a clear plastic bag, either taped or held with elastic bands. This way you will keep the buttons clean, dust-free and in good working order.

• To keep your permanent-press sheets and tablecloths looking good, when soiled and ready to be washed, fold them loosely and place them in the laundry hamper. Keep them folded loosely when you place them in the washing machine. D.S.

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Money Matters

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Bank shares up, but others down

AVIV. — Bank shares which part of the Treasury agreement, today got their first boost in a week as their prices, for the most part, advanced by as much as 2.1 per cent. IDB rose by 2.1 per cent, Mizrahi by 2.9 per cent, and the Israel General Bank by 3.7 per cent and the Union Bank shares traded unchanged.

In a broader sense the non-bank sectors of the market sagged, as their index fell by 0.5 per cent. Shares falling by more than five per cent or more were numbered by more than one. There were 13 "sellers" registered as "buyers" in a full 79 securities fell by more than five per cent, while 10 were numbered only 35.

Brokers and speculators seem to have had cold feet, suggested an observer. This could well have been the case, since those individuals who "bought in" near the end of November undoubtedly were to cash in on their positions yesterday and still point to a profit. Turnovers in the non-banking continued to shrink and less than the equivalent on a million.

Institutional investors as well as investment companies appeared to be in the buying end. Those who current prices as being at gain basement levels maintained their drive to accumulate. However, this type of investor takes a long-term view of the market and is not concerned if the index in his portfolio show a short-term gain, or loss. These investors are looking for major capital gains, which calls for a measure of patience and the financial ability to hold interim breaks in the market.

Reuter to float share issue

TEL AVIV. — The board of directors of Reuter announced today it had decided to seek a public flotation of the world news organization and will submit a plan to effect the Reuter trustees. The statement said the 11-member board would not make any further details of the plan in stage. It also gave no indication when the public share offer would take place or how big a stake the company would be floated. Reuter, which provides news and information services to subscribers in 158 countries, more than doubled its pre-tax profit last year to \$36.7 million.

The statement, issued after a long lasting year over five hours, in part: "The trustees have the duty to safeguard the terms of the trust agreement. This agreement states that control of Reuter is at no time pass into the hands of any one interest, group or faction that its integrity, independence and freedom from bias shall at all times be fully preserved."

Some financial analysts in London have estimated that the company, founded in 1851, could be worth one billion sterling (\$1.5b.). Reuters since 1941 has been a closely-held company owned by associations grouping British, Irish, Australian and New Zealand newspapers.

The British press holds the major stake. The Newspaper Publishers Association, which groups the British national press, currently holds about 41 per cent, and the Press Association, owned by the British provincial press and newspapers in the Irish Republic, also has 41 per cent of the shares.

The three publishing groups with the largest interest in Reuters through these associations are Associated Newspapers, with about 12 per cent, Fleet Holdings with about 12 per cent, and News International and News Corporation of Australia with about 11 per cent.

Dollar climb slows, as gold dips

TEL AVIV. — The U.S. dollar led to new all-time highs against the British pound and Italian lira on foreign exchange markets yesterday. But the currency's surge was cut as central banks intervened to support foreign currencies. Gold as dropped slightly.

Lower U.S. interest rates mean lower return on dollar investments. But traders said renewed bombardment of Syrian-controlled positions in Lebanon by American forces had fuelled dollar-buying. Most investors consider the dollar the strongest currency in times of political turmoil.

For the third straight day in London the dollar rose to a new record against the pound, which sold at least \$47.7 million above the dollar on climbing her above its 10-year high against the West German mark. Traders estimated the bank had sold \$200m.

rumour that U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan was scheduled to meet Paul Volcker, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank, to complain about high U.S. interest rates also calmed the dollar, traders said.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

put in an indecisive session, with prices swinging in both directions. Dollar-linked bonds moved lower by as much as three per cent.

The shekel was devalued by 0.4 of one per cent against the dollar. After VeSela debuted yesterday and traded unchanged at 160. Considering the generally poor tenor of the market it was a reasonable start.

Meir Ezra, whose shares debuted several sessions back, saw its newly registered shares zip ahead by 15 per cent. The third one of the recent new issues, Mashov Computers, traded unchanged at 600.

Among bank shares and bankholding companies which are not part of the agreement, the trend was downward. Maritime Bank 0.5 shares, in the aftermath of their recent upsurge, were down by 7.5 per cent. Danot 1 was down 10 per cent lower, while the 5 shares were 8.7 per cent lower. The shares of FIBI and First International were down by 7.1 and 8.1 per cent.

Losses of up to 6.7 per cent — as was the case with Tefahot pref. — were the order of the day in the mortgage bank group. Biayan, after a cycle of sessions of "sellers only," was registered once again as "sellers only" and its price was dropped automatically by five per cent. Merav continued to move against the trend and picked up 9.1 per cent.

Insurance issues wound up the day with minor gains. The group was helped by a 10 per cent rise in Sahar. Ararat 0.5, however, was down by 9.5 per cent.

The service and trade group was marked by declining prices. Ya'aneh managed to eke out a 2.1

per cent gain, but Cial Computers was listed as "sellers only." Nikuv Computers 5 was 8.3 per cent lower.

The land development, real estate and citrus plantation sector was down by 1.57 per cent. The Africa-Israel option was "sellers only" for the second session and could suffer a major loss when it trades this morning without price limitations. Property Building was fractionally lower, but Israel Citrus Plantations 0.5 was nearly nine per cent lower. Rasso pref. lost more than eight per cent.

Industrials were broadly lower. Elbit and Elron were both down by more than three per cent. Alliance, however, was up by 6.1 per cent. Atlas, manufacturer of halva and sweets, saw its shares fall by nearly 10 per cent. Ata C was "sellers only," while Dubeik 1 was falling by 3.1 per cent. Vubek 1 was 10.1 per cent lower, but Par-ze 5 managed to advance by 10 per cent. Lodzia 0.4 was down by more than 10 per cent, but the 0.1 shares gained 9.2 per cent. Dead Sea Works edged 2.3 per cent lower. Cyclone, both the 1 and 5 shares, was clipped for 10 per cent losses. Tedeia was a 10.1 per cent loser.

Investment company issues were the day's worst performers, as the sector declined by 3.77 per cent. The Israel Corp. 5 shares were down 10 per cent, as was the case with Central Trade. Cial Industries was on the "sellers only" list. Piryon backed by 5.6 per cent.

Oils moved with the general trend as prices headed lower. Zecharia Drucker announced that its shares will go ex-50 per cent bonus shares on January 2, 1984, with the allocation taking place January 5.

Arbitrage is the process of buying and selling the same securities on two different markets when their prices are not identical. The action of the arbitrage specialists generally irons out the price differentials. Yesterday in the wake of a small drop in the price of the Elron Electronic shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the Elron Electronic American registry followed suit and eased by \$0.25 on the American over-the-counter market.

Estate agents win claim for linked commission

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — Two real-estate agents this week won a decision in the local district court which linked their claim for commission on a sale to the cost-of-living index from the time the deal was consummated.

The two had already won their claim in the magistrate's court for payment of commission by a couple whose apartment they sold, but the amount was linked only from the time at which they filed their claim. The agents then went to the district court, arguing that the linkage should be from the time of the deal and not of the claim file.

The district court accepted their plea and awarded them the 1 per cent commission, linked from the time of the sale of the apartment, plus 3 per cent interest.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

| December 14, 1983 | IS |
|-------------------------|----------|
| U.S. dollar | 100.4001 |
| British sterling | 142.2167 |
| German mark | 36.2566 |
| French franc | 11.8694 |
| Dutch guilder | 32.3194 |
| Swiss franc | 45.3437 |
| Swedish krona | 12.3737 |
| Norwegian krone | 12.8858 |
| Danish krone | 10.0503 |
| Finnish mark | 7.0603 |
| Canadian dollar | 80.2591 |
| Australian dollar | 90.1091 |
| South African rand | 82.4636 |
| Belgian franc (10) | 17.8521 |
| Austrian schilling (10) | 51.8569 |
| Italian lire (100) | 5.9887 |
| Japanese yen (100) | 42.5695 |
| Jordanian dinar | 266.06 |
| Lebanese lira | 18.59 |
| Egyptian pound | 89.3561 |

FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

| FOR 14.12.83 | CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS | BANKNOTES |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| COUNTRY | CURRENCY | PURCHASE SALE PURCHASE SALE |
| USA | DOLLAR | 99.9980 101.9120 98.3900 102.4100 |
| Great Britain | STERLING | 141.2654 142.9892 139.4200 145.1300 |
| Germany | MARK | 36.1136 36.4768 35.5600 37.0300 |
| France | FRANC | 11.8264 11.9453 11.3400 12.1300 |
| Holland | GILDERN | 32.1805 32.5034 31.6900 32.9900 |
| Switzerland | FRANC | 45.1047 45.5581 44.4200 46.2400 |
| Sweden | KRONA | 12.3178 12.4171 11.9700 12.6300 |
| Norway | KRONE | 12.8321 12.9611 12.4700 13.1500 |
| Denmark | KRONE | 9.9738 10.0741 9.6900 10.2300 |
| Finland | MARK | 16.9721 17.1427 16.4900 17.0000 |
| Canada | DOLLAR | 79.8609 80.6435 78.0500 81.8700 |
| Australia | DOLLAR | 88.7556 90.6577 85.2100 92.8400 |
| South Africa | RAND | 82.0382 82.8628 80.6700 83.6300 |
| Belgium | FRANC | 17.7817 17.9605 17.2800 18.0000 |
| Austria | SCHILLING | 51.3428 51.7579 50.4600 52.5300 |
| Italy | LIRE | 59.7118 60.3120 56.1600 61.2100 |
| Japan | YEN | 42.1451 42.5456 41.7900 43.8600 |

Commercial Banks

| Bank | Price | Change | % change |
|---------------|-------|--------|----------|
| IDB p | 78.10 | — | — |
| IDB p A | 3380 | 1204 | +70 +2.1 |
| IDB B r | 3480 | 13 | n.e. |
| IDB p A | 20800 | — | — |
| IDB on 11 | 2360 | 110 | +30 +1.3 |
| Union 0.1 | 2460 | 132 | n.e. |
| Discount Br | 4380 | 10 | n.e. |
| Discount A r | 4325 | 67 | n.e. |
| Discount on 2 | 3330 | 24 | +70 +2.1 |
| Discount B on | 321 | 33 | +4 +2.9 |
| Mizrahi r | 1803 | 2168 | +40 +2.8 |
| Mizrahi Br | 1376 | 102 | n.e. |
| Mizrahi on 11 | 2290 | 173 | +35 +1.5 |
| Mizrahi on 12 | 386 | 265 | +22 +2.4 |
| Mizrahi on 6 | 11400 | — | — |
| Mizrahi on 9 | 629 | 139 | +15 +2.4 |
| Mizrahi on 11 | 313 | 2080 | +15 +2.4 |
| Mizrahi on 14 | 1469 | — | — |
| Mizrahi on 15 | 2990 | 1 | n.e. |
| Mizrahi on 16 | 2337 | 2816 | +90 +4.0 |
| Mizrahi on 17 | 2360 | 184 | n.e. |
| Mizrahi on 18 | 4307 | 457 | +40 +0.9 |
| Mizrahi on 19 | 8150 | 10 | +50 +0.8 |

Land, Real Estate, Citrus

| Bank | Price | Change | % change |
|---------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Oron | 151 | 268 | +16 +9.6 |
| Oron on 1 | 230 | 27 | +11 +4.8 |
| Azrieli Prop. | 175 | 257 | +15 +7.9 |
| Azrieli | 157 | 356 | +19 +12.1 |
| Azrieli on D | 243 | 38 | +13 +5.3 |
| Azrieli on E | 94 | 304 | +3 +3.9 |
| Elion | 53 | 62 | +9 +16.8 |
| Elion on 1 | 314 | 20 | +6 +1.9 |
| Elion on 2 | 2727 | 50.3 | +235 +7.9 |
| Elion on 3 | 106 | 30 | +18 +17.0 |
| Elion on 4 | 72 | 45 | +2 +2.9 |
| Elion on 5 | 330 | 82 | +4 +1.2 |
| Elion on 6 | 141 | 137 | n.e. |
| Elion on 7 | 301 | 13 | +7 +2.3 |
| Elion on 8 | 145 | 10 | n.e. |
| Elion on 9 | 116 | 412 | +4 +3.4 |
| Elion on 10 | 70 | 701 | +12 +17.1 |
| Elion on 11 | 57 | 400 | +1 +1.7 |
| Elion on 12 | 105 | 244 | +5 +4.8 |
| Elion on 13 | 129 | 286 | +11 +8.5 |
| Elion on 14 | 130 | 27 | +1 +0.8 |
| Elion on 15 | 48 | 78 | +16 +33.3 |
| Elion on 16 | 205 | 38 | +10 +4.9 |
| Elion on 17 | 130 | 67 | +10 +7.7 |
| Elion on 18 | 163 | — | — |

Mortgage Banks

| Bank | Price | Change | % change |
|----------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Admon 0.1 | 905 | 10 | +25 +2.8 |
| Gen. Mortgage | 1354 | 5 | n.e. |
| Gen. Mortgage | 1354 | 5 | n.e. |
| Carmel r | 1375 | — | — |
| Carmel on 1 | 903 | 59 | +5 +0.6 |
| Carmel on 2 | 145 | 243 | n.e. |
| Carmel on 3 | 1140 | 50.1 | +50 +4.4 |
| DevMortgage r | 905 | 3 | +5 +0.5 |
| DevMortgage b | 900 | — | — |
| DevMort. on 1 | 342 | 4 | +8 +2.3 |
| Mizrahi r | 3685 | 3 | n.e. |
| Mizrahi on 1 | 3685 | 3 | n.e. |
| Independence | 1440 | 14 | +5 +0.4 |
| Tefahot p r | 1120 | 20 | +80 +7.2 |
| Tefahot on B | 1040 | 34 | +50 +4.8 |
| Tefahot on 1 | 1950 | 4 | n.e. |
| Tefahot deb. 1 | 390 | 3 | +4 +1.0 |
| Tefahot deb. 2 | 186 | 846 | +1 +0.5 |
| Jayour 1 | 316 | 162 | +6 +1.9 |
| Jayour 5 | 305 | 51 | n.e. |
| Jayour on 1 | 108 | 345 | +1 +0.9 |
| Jayour on 2 | 275 | 2185 | +23 +8.1 |

Financial Institutions

| Bank | Price | Change | % change |
|-----------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Shilton r | 148 | 248 | n.e. |
| Shilton on B | 842 | — | — |
| Leumi Ind r | 762 | 37 | +9 +1.2 |
| Leumi Ind b | 762 | — | — |
| Leumi Ind on 1 | 125 | 134 | +8 +6.0 |
| Fed of Cont | 7050 | 3 | n.e. |
| Leumi Ind r | 7050 | 3 | n.e. |
| Cial Lease 0.1 | 230 | 8 | +3 +1.3 |
| Cial Lease 0.5 | 169 | 8.1 | +8 +5.0 |
| Cial Lease on B | 635 | 23 | n.e. |

Insurance

| Bank | Price | Change | % change |
|---------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Aryeh r | 368 | 57 | +16 +4.3 |
| Aryeh on 1 | 171 | 89 | +14 +8.2 |
| Aryeh on 2 | 400 | — | — |
| Aryeh on 3 | 430 | 11 | +3 +0.7 |
| Aryeh on 4 | 771 | 4 | +18 +2.3 |
| Reinsur 0.1 r | 569 | 96 | n.e. |
| Reinsur 0.5 r | 262 | 279 | +1 +0.4 |
| Reinsur on 1 | 119 | 240 | +4 +3.3 |
| Reinsur on 2 | 295 | 631 | +10 +3.3 |
| Reinsur on 3 | 228 | 47 | +9 +4.0 |
| Reinsur on 4 | 152 | 10 | +9 +5.9 |
| Reinsur on 5 | 464 | 29 | n.e. |
| Reinsur on 6 | 422 | 34 | n.e. |
| Reinsur on 7 | 418 | 27 | n.e. |
| Reinsur on 8 | 520 | 3 | n.e. |
| Reinsur on 9 | 365 | 3 | +2 +0.5 |
| Reinsur on 10 | 104 | 163 | +2 +2.0 |
| Reinsur on 11 | 38 | 1 | +1 +2.6 |
| Reinsur on 12 | 1022 | 29 | +7 +0.7 |
| Reinsur on 13 | 190 | 63 | +1 +0.5 |
| Reinsur on 14 | 1375 | 15 | +125 +9.0 |
| Reinsur on 15 | 170 | 172 | +7 +4.0 |
| Reinsur on 16 | 1100 | 35 | n.e. |
| Reinsur on 17 | 430 | 18 | n.e. |
| Reinsur on 18 | 140 | 198 | n.e. |

Trade, Services & Utilities

| Bank | Price | Change | % change |
|------------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Galei Zohar 1 | 322 | 35 | n.e. |
| Galei Zohar 2 | 147 | 58 | +34 +23.0 |
| Galei Zohar on 1 | 43 | 110 | +18 +40.9 |
| Data | 251 | 79 | +1 +0.4 |
| Dalei | 1710 | 84 | +80 +4.7 |
| Harel 1 | 29 | 16 | +2 +6.9 |
| Harel 2 | 125 | 76 | +14 +11.1 |
| Harel on 2 | 32 | 264 | +2 +6.1 |
| Lighterage 0.1 | 382 | 88 | +12 +3.1 |
| Lighterage 0.5 | 338 | 285 | n.e. |
| Central Beach | 124 | 65 | +16 +12.7 |
| Cold Store 0.1 | 4946 | 6 | +00 +7.3 |
| Cold Store on 1 | — | — | — |
| Israel Elec. r | — | — | — |
| Dan Hotels 1 | 517 | 92 | +25 +4.6 |
| Dan Hotels 5 | 315 | 101 | +14 +4.4 |
| Central Beach | 223 | 65 | +16 +7.2 |
| Israel Data r | 385 | 37 | n.e. |
| Israel Data on 1 | 520 | — | — |
| Tela 1 | 150 | 56 | +10 +7.1 |
| Tela 5 | 98 | 66 | n.e. |
| Tela on 1 | 38 | 146 | n.e. |
| Ya'aneh | 1950 | 206 | +40 +2.1 |
| Ya'aneh on 1 | 1535 | 49 | +35 +2.3 |
| Cial Comp | 474 | s.o.1 | +25 +5.0 |
| Cial Comp on 1 | 1315 | 126 | +16 +1.2 |
| M.L.L. 1 | 404 | 28 | +10 +2.5 |
| M.L.L. on 1 | 250 | 30 | +10 +3.9 |
| M.L.L. on 2 | 175 | 206 | +14 +8.7 |
| M.L.L. on 3 | 124 | 28 | +10 +8.1 |
| M.L.L. on 4 | 459 | 25 | +24 +5.2 |
| Bond Ware 0.1 | 247 | 31 | +6 +2.4 |

Recent Issues

| Bank | Price | Change | % change |
|--------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Cyclone 1 | 247 | 37 | +25 +10.2 |
| Cyclone 5 | 99 | 90 | n.e. |
| Kedem Chem | 399 | 10 | +5 +1.3 |
| King 1 | 545 | 9 | +5 +0.9 |
| King 5 | 200 | 174 | +9 +4.5 |
| King on 1 | 187 | 1 | +4 +2.1 |
| Kid 1 | 254 | 108 | n.e. |
| Kid 5 | 161 | 12 | +18 +10.1 |
| Kid on 1 | 326 | 1 | +20 +6.5 |
| Kid on 5 | 273 | 10 | n.e. |
| Kid on 10 | 26 | 379 | +6 +19.8 |
| Run 0.1 r | 434 | 10 | +9 +2.1 |
| Run 0.1 b | 291 | 8 | n.e. |
| Run 0.1 on 1 | 232 | 12 | +18 +8.2 |
| Run 0.1 on 5 | 149 | 1 | +7 +4.7 |
| Schellerna | 453 | s.o.1 | +24 +5.0 |
| Shemen p | 1410 | 8 | +123 +8.6 |
| T.A.T. 1 | 525 | 49 | +30 +5.4 |
| T.A.T. 5 | 340 | 151 | +16 +4.6 |
| T.A.T. on 1 | 230 | 14 | +4 +1.7 |
| T.G.L. 1 | 448 | 151 | +16 +4.6 |
| T.G.L. 5 | 125 | 15 | n.e. |
| T.G.L. on 1 | 50 | 58 | +3 +6.0 |
| Tedeia | 499 | 54 | +26 +5.1 |

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Timely message

IT WAS A GOOD idea for Premier (and Foreign Minister) Yitzhak Shamir to convey the message to the Kremlin that, contrary to some false reports, Israel has no intention of purchasing U.S. Pershing missiles that could hit Soviet territory, nor any plan to attack the Soviet Union's ally, Syria.

The Soviet media had earlier reported that the acquisition by Israel of Pershing missiles and an assault on Syria had been agreed upon as parts of the strategic cooperation accord reached between Mr. Shamir and President Reagan.

Since the Soviets maintain no official ties with this country, Mr. Shamir, in taking his initiative, had to use the good offices of the Dutch, whose embassy has been handling Israeli affairs in Moscow. News of his action through this channel was apparently leaked even before the message itself got to the Kremlin, and it was wrongly described as an actual letter. In fact, Mr. Shamir merely drew the attention of the Soviet leaders to his statement in the Knesset last week in which he had set the record straight as regards the Soviet allegations.

What matters, however, is that the message was sent, no matter what its official form.

If the Soviet leaders believed their own propaganda about Israel's intentions, which is rather likely, it is doubtful whether they will radically change their mind in the wake of a message from Mr. Shamir. The official Soviet version of Israel today reflects an updated version of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." It will take much more than a single denial from Jerusalem to persuade the Politbureau that Israel does not represent a conspiratorial Zionist instrument of American imperialism.

Supposed proof of Israel's complicity in the American design on the Soviet Union was unfortunately provided in the November 1981 memorandum on strategic cooperation, which, alone of all western defence arrangements, was openly portrayed as a means of "stemming Soviet aggression."

In Washington two weeks ago, some effort was made to blunt the anti-Soviet aspects of U.S.-Israel cooperation. President Reagan, it is true, referred to "the threat to our mutual interests posed by increased Soviet involvement in the Middle East." But Mr. Shamir sought to drop all direct mention of the Soviets, and to define the aim of the accord as being "to strengthen Israel and to deter threats to the region."

What is a matter of direct concern to Israel is not global Soviet power but Arab aggression armed by the Soviets. Today, Arab aggression is epitomized by militant Syria, the Soviet Union's ally. To ward off the danger from Syria, Israel must take appropriate defensive measures, aided by the U.S. But this does not mean that Israel has the mind to go to war on Syria, let alone to direct long-range missiles against the Soviets.

All this would seem to be self-evident, but since it clearly is not, the point bears repeating, as Mr. Shamir did.

Austerity for whom?

ISRAEL IS NOT a country whose public officials shop in special stores where high-grade commodities are available, at cheap prices, which are not dispensed to the hoi polloi. But the norm seems already to have been established here that the servants of the establishment deserve not only a decent standard of living but also a battery of "perks" that make the eyes of ordinary citizens pop out in amazement. And that these are coming even to retired public officials.

Knesset Members are allowed 2,000 free telephone calls a month. This would seem to be fair, seeing how active MKs are in the public service. But, marvel of marvels, our parliamentarians retain this same right even when they retire. Retired ministers and judges, by contrast, are granted only 1,000 free telephone calls. This is patent discrimination. How to overcome it?

Since the economy is now in deep crisis, the state budget is due to be slashed, and the people at large are being urged to tighten their belts, it would seem logical for the MKs to make do with only 1,000 free calls. But this is apparently too complicated a solution. So a sub-committee of the Knesset Finance Committee on Tuesday recommended that ministers and judges, too, should receive 2,000 free telephone calls on retirement.

Granted, passage of the recommendation by the parent committee will not bankrupt the exchequer. But this latest example of profligacy in high places might persuade a lot of people that austerity, described as the necessary prelude to recovery, is meant only for them and not for their "betters."

POSTSCRIPTS

THE RITUAL bath at the ultra-Orthodox Samaritan town of Emanuel sounds like a Hollywood movie set. According to a public-relations firm that works for Emanuel, the *milke* cost about \$1 million, with three stores, over 20 baths, a Turkish bath and a Finnish bath. A special ceramic floor that reduces slipping was installed. Women may enjoy a cosmetics salon, and the men can go to a physiotherapy room. Everything was done, according to the press release, to ensure privacy, and some residents of Emanuel bought their own ritual bath enclosure in the building for their personal use. J.S.I.

POWDERED gecko and toad, with a dose of strychnine, can cure a serious blood-vessel disease, *The China Daily* reported recently.

The newspaper said that since 1979 the remedy has cured 87 per cent of the 30,000 patients treated, and saved 95 of 97 patients from the operating table in cases where amputation had been thought unavoidable.

The cure was devised by Ma Tongchang, a 29-year-old doctor of traditional medicine at Anyang Medical School clinic in Henan Province.

Ma studied classical Chinese medical texts and tasted more than 300 poisonous insects and herbs before arriving at his formula, the report said.

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER their meetings with President Reagan, Prime Minister Shamir and Defence Minister Arens heralded the beginning of a new era in American-Israel relations. However, since these two leaders are clever and cautious politicians, they were careful to keep a way of retreat open in case this new era is postponed or does not materialize at all. As if incidentally, they added that one should wait a few months for the beginning of this historical breakthrough to be seen. This qualification of their own achievement is not less important than their main contention.

Their precautionary addendum is an additional proof that Shamir and Arens have become experienced local politicians who can play the internal political and rhetorical games very well. It is clear that by these additions they meant to minimize possible internal political losses. But it also seems clear that they know very well that, in fact, there is nothing new in relations with the U.S. after their Washington visit.

Shamir and Arens know that the results are simply another swing of the pendulum. Paradoxically, these swings are the only permanent feature of these relations. Even without mentioning the uncertainty concerning the implementation of the promises given by Reagan and his advisers, or analysing whether there were secret agreements, it is clear that we now have more of the same in this sphere.

A short historical reminder will show the pattern: the initial sympathy toward young Israel shown by Truman was followed by a cooling-off period during the Eisenhower presidency; Kennedy and Johnson showed a greater sympathy; the Nixon period was characterized by fluctuations; toward the end of his term Carter showed hostility toward Israel's policies; and after a period

ONE OF the great non-translatables of modern Hebrew is the word *kacha!* It is often used to answer the questions that begin "How come...?" The answer *kacha* means "just because," but that doesn't quite capture the word's hidden charm. *Kacha!* is what one answers a child who asks, "Why don't I have a tail like kitty?" or "How come it doesn't rain cold?"

One of the most important differences between Israeli students of economics and their American counterparts is that the former have trouble accepting the fact that so much of government economic policy is based on nothing but *kacha*. American students are much more willing to believe that. The reason for this is not that the American Government operates with much less efficiency and rationality than the Israeli government.

But the people of the U.S. have a long tradition of being suspicious of government, especially big government, stretching back to independence. This suspicion is a priceless natural resource, and, in my opinion, explains a great deal of the vitality of the American economy.

One of the great challenges for Zionism is to inculcate a similar mistrust of government economic policy in Israel. Toward that end, let us review some recent government actions and ask why the government took them. Anyone who has trouble answering *kacha!* is in need of economic reconditioning. All ready?

READERS' LETTERS

FRIENDSHIP WITH COSTA RICA

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — After reading Yakov Rabkin's article about our relationship with Costa Rica (November 27), entitled "Friendship disdained," I think that, to start with, another title should have been chosen to make clear the point he makes.

Israel's strong ties of friendship with the vibrant democracy of Costa Rica stems from the creation of the State of Israel and was underlined in all circumstances, in international forums, in our day-to-day relationship in cultural and trade fields.

We have many things in common with Costa Rica. We are both small countries trying to survive with our ideals in a sea of turmoil, fighting problems that besiege most of the countries in the world today: inflation, unemployment, a hostile surrounding. As with true love, we are together for better or worse, always hoping for times to change propitiously.

Let's accentuate the positive. We are going through very lean years,

Much ado about nothing

By GABI SHEFFER

of moderate cooperation between the Reagan administration and Israel, there is now a certain revival of intimacy between the two governments.

IT IS TRUE that current public opinion in the U.S. supports Israel. It is also true that the White House is inclined to increase its military and political support of Israel. But it is equally important to examine and evaluate what determines the amplitude of the swing to see why the past has been problematic as apparently it will be in the future.

This current honeymoon is connected, on the one hand, to Reagan's personal sympathy, and on the other to immediate American interests and needs, rather than to long-range strategic factors. There is no evidence of wide support for the notion that Israel is a permanent strategic asset.

The U.S. probably did not intend to get so deeply involved in the Lebanese swamp, but now that it is there, its prestige is at stake. Therefore America's immediate, and pressing, need in Lebanon dictates close relations with Israel. Thus, for example, Israel can prevent an aggressive Syrian move to capture American troops who are almost hostages of the Syrians and Lebanese. Israel might also help in preventing a Syrian move to gain permanent control over Lebanon.

Closer relations between the superpower and its client is also related to the approaching presidential elections. This time Reagan cannot ignore the Jewish vote and fund-raising potential. Reagan has learned that the American Jewish community is not a solid Democratic bloc. Large groups within this community, who support the Likud government in Israel, show increasing tendencies to vote for a Republican candidate. Moreover, these Jews, as well as Jews who have traditionally supported the Democrats, are now ready to raise money for the Republican campaign.

At the same time, there are some basic factors that contribute to the erosion of support for Israel. Despite public opinion polls that show a certain stability in sympathy toward Israel, the process of erosion continues behind the scenes.

PRESIDENT REAGAN's need to solve his problems in Lebanon and the election campaign motivate his promotion of a superficial intimacy, but the situation within the administration is quite different. In particular, it should be noted that the permanent bureaucracy is crucial in shaping long-term U.S. policies. Presidents come and go; the bureaucrats remain.

Within the bureaucracy there are deep splits. The main controversy

within the administration is between the State Department and the Pentagon. The importance of these two agencies in regard to policies in the Middle East has been enhanced by the relative weakness of the National Security Council.

The State Department Arabists who claim that the true American interest is in the Arab world have not disappeared. The State Department's intelligence department does not like close relations with Israel, and its heads would like to support the opposition to the implementation of Reagan's promises. The secretary of state's support for Israel is a function of his loyalty to the president and his continuous struggle with the boss of the Pentagon.

The balance of power in the Pentagon is somewhat different. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger himself is far from supporting the notion that Israel is a strategic asset for the U.S. Unlike the situation in the State Department, the Pentagon's intelligence community and the strategists dealing with U.S. deployment support an Israeli orientation. But they are checked and balanced by the generals and senior officials responsible for regular operations, all of whom prefer the Arabs. In short, large important groups in the bureaucracy are quite hostile toward Israel, and they provide a constant source of passive and active resistance, which does not diminish over the years.

Other traditional sources of support for Israel also show slow but continuous erosion. Israel's natural and most devoted partner — the American Jewish community — is slowly changing its attitudes. In various quarters of the community, criticisms of Israel are mounting. This trend is very clear among the younger segments of this community. On the whole, the community is becoming more apathetic

than in the past in regard to further, internal problems to entrenchment, and there signs of fatigue in their actions behalf of Israel. The American bureaucrats and politicians become aware of these factors, their behaviour in the long run be influenced accordingly.

Meanwhile the efficacy of Arab and Palestinian lobbying is increasing. They have gained access to politicians and bureaucrats. These lobbies are particularly successful during conservative administrations, which are influenced by bankers, industrialists and companies. This factor will be important during a second Reagan term in office.

The gradually growing sympathy for the Palestinians should be added to the factors that diminish standing in the U.S., as there is increasing realization that Palestinian issue is the crux of Arab-Israeli conflict. Even if it is no great support of the PLO, other extremist groups, nevertheless there is a growing sympathy for demand for self-determination. Once again these sentiments prevalent within the bureaucracy and therefore its officials will promote the subject parties during crucial stages of the process, when it is resumed.

Finally, Israel's dependence on the U.S. is growing dramatic. The politicians and bureaucrats, of course, aware of this fact seems that because of its pre economic problem, Israel is falling into the dependence trap. The direct indirect costs are menacing. I been said that there is no free lunch. The question then is when and Israel will be asked to pay.

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All-purpose answer

By STEVEN E. PLAUT

In recent years, the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Israel have been trying to nudge Israeli savers away from dollar-linked savings plans and into deposits linked to the Consumer Price Index, i.e. Israeli inflation. The thinking here is that dollar-linkage makes it difficult to have a real devaluation. Every time there is a nominal devaluation, savings increase in value, and the public feels richer. Yet the public did show a willingness to cooperate, and since 1980, the percentage of family savings in dollar-linked Patam savings accounts dropped by over a quarter.

Then one fine October morning the government decided to bail out the investors in bank shares, at public expense naturally. Those who speculated in bank shares were offered a government-backed savings scheme linked to the dollar. Thus the government increased the portion of wealth that increases following every devaluation. Why should public funds be spent on bailing out speculators? *Kacha!* And why bail them out by letting them

link their investment to the dollar of all things? *Kacha!*

THE MAIN ARCHITECT of the welfare scheme for bank speculators was Knesset Member Avraham Shapira. The same man has now begun to advocate what in effect will be a tax on holders of dollar-linked savings by instituting a special (lower) exchange rate for these folks. So why was he so enthusiastic two months ago about handing out dollar-linked welfare? *Kacha!* And why didn't the Bank of Israel scream bloody murder at least about the dollar-linkage part? *Kacha!*

By the way, it would be reasonably pleasing were there only two different exchange rates in use in Israel. In fact, there are thousands. Every single import or export transaction takes place at a different effective exchange rate. Why? *Kacha!* The government discriminates against exports and in favour of import substitutes; by forcing those marketing the former to use a lower exchange rate. How come? *Kacha!*

Throughout history, Jews around the world have always succeeded in establishing businesses and raising capital without the authorities doing it for them. But the government of Israel decided that here in Zion only it is capable of doing this. The government seems to believe that Israelis are bright enough and responsible enough to elect a prime minister and Knesset, but not bright enough to decide which soft drink to buy, what goods to produce, how and where to produce them. So the government decides all that for them. Why? *Kacha!*

The government completely controls the capital market, and then claims that unless it hands out credit to its favourites, they won't be able to raise funds. Apparently the Jews forgot how to invest when their feet touched holy soil.

Now if some Israeli nevertheless raises funds directly from the public, rather than accept government handouts, the government labels this a "grey market." Why "grey"? *Kacha!* It appears to me that politicians who use that expression are themselves lacking in certain grey matter.

The government supplies exporters with "exchange rate insurance." Everyone knows that this is nothing but a subsidy. So why not call the beast by its name? And why not give a direct cash subsidy instead, which would at least be less wasteful than "exchange rate insurance"? *Kacha!*

THE NEW finance minister has demanded that the marginal income tax rate on families with high incomes be raised to 66 per cent. All the estimates seem to indicate that the tax will add nothing to the public coffers and will simply discourage effort, work and investment. The minister seems to agree with this assessment; he doesn't maintain that the tax increase will

actually bring in extra funds says he wants to raise the tax to "hurt high-income people." Will to "hurt high-income people" state and low-income people get something in return? *Kacha!*

With an oncoming recession everyone seems to be talking the problem of yerida. As it out, the government is heavily subsidizing by maintaining a wide between the nominal and the effective exchange rate. The value of a dollar, i.e. the price dollars at which Israel's foreign change operations take place about 40 per cent higher than the nominal exchange rate, emigrants buy their dollars at nominal rate, getting a bargain funding their settlement at Eilat. Even if the yored buys the dollar on Lilienfeld Street, he pays less than what those dollars are worth, what their effective cost to the country. Why maintain between the effective and no exchange rates? Why subsidize dim? You know the answer.

People who search for more rational explanation government foolishness are w their time.

Perhaps the most important question that must be answered is why government insists on continuing print money. By the Bank of Israel estimates, printing money enables the government to finance an "inflation tax" of less than 10 per cent of Israel's national product would make more sense to regular taxes a bit, or better slash spending, and put an end and for all to the wholesale printing of money and Israel's inflation nightmare.

Why perpetuate the hypertension with all its waste and d tion? Why? Just plain *kacha!*

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